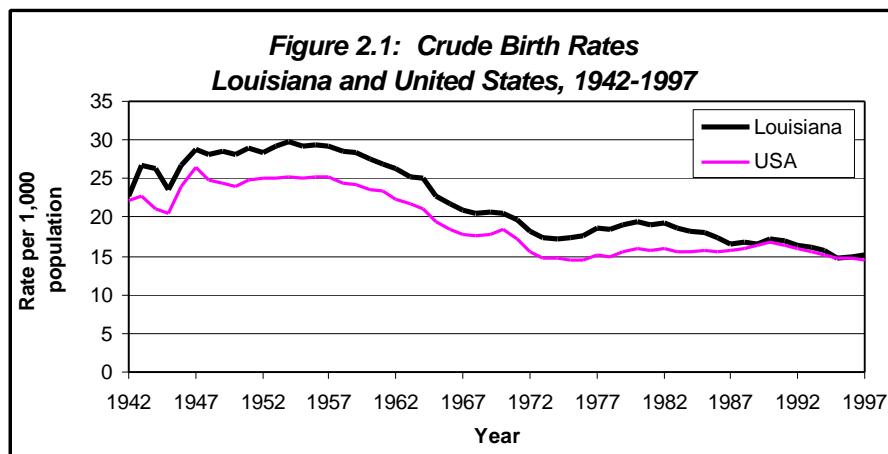


II. Live Births

Live birth is a birth that shows any sign of life after delivery, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy. Sign of life is considered breathing or showing any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or the definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached. **Crude birth rates** are a measure of the number of live births in a population during a given period of time. Birth rates are calculated by dividing the number of live births occurring in a given population during one year by the estimated population, then multiplying the quotient by 1,000. Because crude birth rates relate the number of live births to the total population in an area, without regard to the age or sex distribution of the population, they are useful in projecting population changes in the area and in comparing areas of different total population.

In 1997, there were 65,947 live births to Louisiana residents, an increase from the 65,186 Louisiana resident births in 1996 (up 1.17%). At the national level there was a slight decrease (0.87%) in the number of births between 1996 and 1997. Louisiana's 1997 crude birth rate was 15.2 live births per 1,000 population. This rate was similar to both the 1996 Louisiana rate (15.0) and the 1997 national rate (14.5).



Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics

Live Births

Table 2.1: Birth Counts, Percent Changes, and Crude Birth Rates Louisiana and United States, 1988-1997					
Louisiana				United States	
Year	Number	Percent Change From Previous Year	Rate*	Percent Change From Previous Year	Rate*
1988	73887	-0.09%	16.7	1.41%	16.0
1989	72639	-1.69%	16.6	2.63%	16.4
1990	72121	-0.71%	17.1	3.36%	16.7
1991	72080	-0.06%	17.0	2.90%	16.3
1992	70502	-2.19%	16.4	-1.14%	15.9
1993	69328	-1.67%	16.1	-2.69%	15.5
1994	67802	-2.20%	15.7	-1.19%	15.2
1995	65574	-3.29%	14.7	-1.35%	14.8
1996	65186	-0.59%	15.0	-0.21%	14.7
1997	65947	1.17%	15.2	-0.27%	14.5

*Rate per 1,000 population

Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics

T e e n B i r t h S

A **teen birth** is defined as a birth to a mother under the age of 20 years. Despite an overall decrease in teen birth rates over the last two decades, teenage pregnancy continues to be a problem for the nation. When compared with mothers in other age groups, teen mothers are less likely to receive adequate prenatal care and are more likely to give birth to low birthweight infants.¹ These infants are more likely to be hospitalized and go on to have childhood health problems. Nationally, most (76%) births to teens occur outside of marriage, and 25%² of teenage mothers go on to have more children within the next two years. These factors, combined with the fact that teenage mothers are less likely to finish high school, contribute to the high proportion of women living in poverty who first gave birth during adolescence. In 1993, of the 3.8 million mothers nationwide aged 15-44 who received welfare or Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), 55% first became mothers as teenagers.³ In fiscal year 1995, Louisiana spent over \$875 million on programs that support families begun by teens (in the form of AFDC, Food Stamps, WIC, and Medicaid). In contrast, Louisiana spent only \$5.7 million on programs designed to prevent teenage pregnancy.⁴

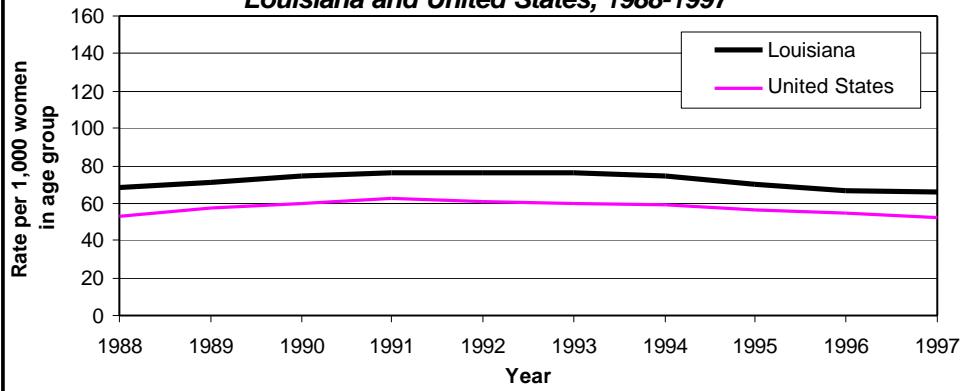
**Table 2.2: Teens: Age-Specific Birth Rates* by Maternal Age
Louisiana and United States, 1988-1997**

Year	Louisiana		United States	
	10-14 Years	15-19 Years	10-14 Years	15-19 Years
1988	2.2	68.4	1.3	53.0
1989	2.4	70.9	1.4	57.3
1990	2.4	74.8	1.4	59.9
1991	2.6	75.9	1.4	62.1
1992	2.3	75.8	1.4	60.7
1993	2.4	75.7	1.4	59.6
1994	2.3	74.2	1.4	58.9
1995	2.0	69.8	1.3	56.8
1996	2.2	66.6	1.2	54.4
1997	1.8	66.1	1.1	52.3

*Rate per 1,000 women in age group

Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics

**Figure 2.2: Teens Aged 15-19: Age-Specific Birth Rates
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Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics

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² The Alan Guttmacher Institute. *Sex and America's Teenagers*. 1994.

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⁴ Kreutzer, Tracy A. *Expenditures and Investments: Adolescent Pregnancy in the South. Volume II*. Southern Regional Project on Infant Mortality. Washington, DC. 1997.

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					LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK.	
STATE	66188 37943 26843 1402	65947 37438 27115 1394	15.2	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	294 39 251 4	691 192 494 5	1415 501 894 20	2375 968 1375 32	3445 1524 1879 42	4005 1797 2157 51	11931 4982 6799 150	19535 9839 9391 305	17005 11114 5486 405	11509 7801 3355 353	4762 3113 1497 152	868 522 323 23	41 26 13 2	2	
ACADIA	483 314 168 1	972 711 258 3	16.8	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	6 3 3 -	13 9 4 -	26 11 15 -	42 23 19 -	63 38 25 -	66 50 16 -	210 131 79 -	296 211 84 1	253 198 55 1	136 112 23 1	59 49 9 -	12 7 5 -	-		
CROWLEY*	481 312 168 1	268 159 108 1	18.6	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	1 - 1 -	2 1 10 -	12 2 11 -	18 7 11 -	15 4 11 -	21 13 8 -	68 27 41 -	74 44 29 1	65 41 24 -	44 35 9 -	15 12 3 -	1 - - -	-		
ALLEN	4 3 1 -	323 251 66 6	13.4	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	- - - -	1 - 1 -	3 2 4 -	13 9 6 -	21 15 9 -	29 19 9 -	67 45 21 1	119 90 27 2	87 70 14 3	29 26 12 -	12 12 6 -	7 2 1 -	-		
ASCENSION	6 3 3 -	1166 863 300 3	16.6	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	5 2 3 -	9 6 3 -	15 5 10 -	29 14 21 -	48 27 14 -	53 39 14 -	154 91 63 -	306 196 107 3	386 314 72 -	234 198 72 -	71 54 36 -	10 8 17 -	-		
ASSUMPTION	2 1 1 -	298 184 114 -	13.0	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	- - - -	2 - 2 -	10 4 6 -	14 7 7 -	19 5 14 -	24 15 9 -	69 31 38 -	79 51 28 -	87 60 27 -	39 30 9 -	17 10 7 -	6 1 5 -	-		
AVOYELLES	3 - 3 -	585 369 213 3	14.2	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	5 1 4 -	9 1 8 -	17 8 9 -	26 17 9 -	34 20 14 -	42 24 18 -	128 70 58 -	202 130 71 1	140 98 41 1	70 50 19 1	30 18 12 -	10 2 8 -	-		
BEAUREGARD	596 477 106 13	479 400 71 8	15.2	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	1 1 2 -	3 1 3 -	10 7 9 -	26 17 3 -	32 29 5 -	24 19 5 -	95 73 22 -	170 136 31 3	113 106 5 2	63 57 4 2	31 24 7 -	6 3 2 1	-		
DE RIDDER*	593 474 106 13	174 108 62 4	16.5	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	- - 1 -	1 1 3 -	4 5 5 -	10 10 3 -	13 4 3 -	9 4 5 -	37 20 5 -	57 27 17 1	40 33 29 2	23 19 5 -	13 7 6 1	4 2 1 -	-		
BIENVILLE	- - - -	217 120 96 1	13.8	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	- - - -	6 3 3 -	2 1 1 -	14 6 8 -	16 8 8 -	15 7 8 -	53 25 28 -	77 44 33 -	49 32 17 -	26 15 11 -	10 4 5 1	2 - 2 -	-		
BOSSIER	785 637 127 21	1382 968 381 33	14.7	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	3 - 3 -	19 9 10 -	18 25 15 1	41 41 29 2	72 47 38 1	86 47 100 1	236 132 129 4	402 271 129 2	394 298 84 12	256 199 47 10	80 60 15 5	10 7 3 -	1 1 -	-	
BOSSIER CITY*	780 633 126 21	862 589 248 25	15.1	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	1 - 1 -	16 7 9 -	7 3 4 -	30 18 12 -	41 24 15 2	52 30 21 1	146 82 61 3	280 187 91 8	244 182 54 8	135 97 31 7	50 36 9 5	5 4 1 -	1 - - -	-	
CADDY	5838 2918 2840 80	3690 1592 2048 50	15.1	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	25 - 25 -	51 9 42 -	72 16 56 -	125 29 93 3	199 50 148 1	248 76 171 1	695 180 510 5	1170 440 722 8	946 502 429 15	555 318 221 16	253 127 120 6	45 25 20 -	1 - 1 -	-	
SHREVEPORT*	5827 2909 2838 80	3184 1190 1946 48	15.9	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	24 - 24 -	48 7 41 -	60 6 54 -	105 16 87 2	177 32 144 1	217 54 162 1	607 115 488 4	1014 316 690 8	799 378 407 8	487 378 212 14	218 259 108 16	34 18 16 6	1 - 1 -	-	

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CALCASIEU	3207	2777	15.5	ALL	6	24	70	92	144	190	520	820	768	449	179	34	1	-	
	2313	1913		WHITE	1	13	42	48	77	105	285	539	595	335	132	26	-	-	
	864	836		BLACK	5	11	28	44	67	83	233	276	161	110	42	8	1	-	
	30	28		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	5	12	4	5	-	-	-	
LAKE CHARLES*	2681	1212	16.1	ALL	5	10	29	47	71	99	256	377	292	188	78	15	1	-	
	1855	524		WHITE	-	1	9	8	19	28	65	150	158	99	43	9	-	-	
	803	666		BLACK	5	9	20	39	52	69	189	222	125	86	32	6	1	-	
	23	22		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	5	9	3	3	-	-	-	
SULPHUR*	513	319	15.0	ALL	-	4	11	7	16	20	58	98	94	46	23	-	-	-	
	448	301		WHITE	-	4	11	7	15	19	56	91	89	43	22	-	-	-	
	58	15		BLACK	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	7	3	3	-	-	-	-	
	7	3		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	
CALDWELL	1	138	13.6	ALL	2	2	1	3	13	9	28	53	29	19	4	3	-	-	
	1	107		WHITE	-	2	1	3	11	8	25	39	25	13	2	3	-	-	
	-	30		BLACK	2	-	-	-	2	1	3	14	3	6	2	-	-	-	
	-	1		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
CAMERON	-	107	11.7	ALL	-	-	4	9	8	3	24	48	13	16	3	3	-	-	
	-	100		WHITE	-	-	4	9	8	3	24	45	12	13	3	3	-	-	
	-	6		BLACK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	
	-	1		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
CATAHOUA	-	136	12.6	ALL	-	3	2	6	15	10	36	56	24	14	6	-	-	-	
	-	96		WHITE	-	-	-	3	8	7	18	42	20	11	5	-	-	-	
	-	40		BLACK	-	3	2	3	7	3	18	14	4	3	1	-	-	-	
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CLAIBORNE	109	214	12.5	ALL	1	2	7	10	13	10	42	69	48	41	11	2	-	-	
	44	101		WHITE	-	-	-	4	6	4	14	28	29	25	4	1	-	-	
	65	111		BLACK	1	2	7	6	7	6	28	39	19	16	7	1	-	-	
	-	2		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CONCORDIA	228	328	15.8	ALL	4	6	10	16	24	28	84	127	65	38	9	1	-	-	
	69	154		WHITE	-	1	4	3	12	9	29	64	33	22	6	-	-	-	
	157	172		BLACK	4	5	6	13	12	19	55	63	30	16	3	1	-	-	
	2	2		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
DESOTO	1	349	13.7	ALL	2	6	6	10	29	20	71	116	97	42	17	4	-	-	
	1	186		WHITE	-	-	2	3	11	10	26	66	60	26	6	2	-	-	
	-	163		BLACK	2	6	4	7	18	10	45	50	37	16	11	2	-	-	
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
E BATON ROUGE	9685	6072	15.3	ALL	33	59	99	177	234	308	877	1580	1624	1272	550	130	6	-	
	5631	2870		WHITE	-	13	15	36	57	93	214	507	903	823	343	76	4	-	
	3885	3045		BLACK	33	46	83	140	176	213	658	1045	673	397	188	49	2	-	
	169	157		OTHER	-	-	1	1	1	2	5	28	48	52	19	5	-	-	
BATON ROUGE*	9256	4939	21.4	ALL	29	50	90	154	197	272	763	1324	1279	997	433	111	3	-	
	5430	2049		WHITE	-	8	11	21	33	73	146	363	631	594	253	61	1	-	
	3660	2748		BLACK	29	42	79	132	163	197	613	937	604	354	163	46	2	-	
	166	142		OTHER	-	-	-	1	1	2	4	24	44	49	17	4	-	-	
BAKER*	-	218	16.2	ALL	2	1	2	10	6	10	29	76	56	38	12	4	1	-	
	-	114		WHITE	-	1	-	4	3	8	16	39	27	23	5	3	1	-	
	-	103		BLACK	2	-	2	6	3	2	13	37	28	15	7	1	-	-	
	-	1		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
EAST CARROLL	2	144	15.6	ALL	2	3	10	9	6	3	31	51	32	20	5	3	-	-	
	-	30		WHITE	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	11	8	4	3	2	-	-	
	2	114		BLACK	2	3	10	8	5	3	29	40	24	16	2	1	-	-	
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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E FELICIANA	4	307	14.7	ALL	-	3	9	12	23	26	73	98	80	37	14	5	-	-	
	2	158		WHITE	-	1	4	3	11	9	28	50	50	22	5	3	-	-	
	1	147		BLACK	-	2	5	9	12	17	45	48	28	15	9	2	-	-	
	1	2		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
EVANGELINE	775	585	17.0	ALL	5	16	19	27	37	31	130	184	169	71	21	5	-	-	
	451	375		WHITE	2	5	9	12	17	18	61	120	126	49	13	4	-	-	
	310	208		BLACK	3	11	10	15	20	13	69	63	43	21	8	1	-	-	
	14	2		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
FRANKLIN	5	288	12.9	ALL	1	3	7	9	18	27	64	113	71	31	6	2	-	-	
	3	156		WHITE	-	-	4	3	5	16	28	63	47	16	1	1	-	-	
	2	131		BLACK	1	3	3	6	13	11	36	50	23	15	5	1	-	-	
	-	1		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
GRANT	2	262	13.9	ALL	-	1	7	5	14	26	53	90	57	38	22	2	-	-	
	2	230		WHITE	-	1	6	4	13	22	46	79	48	36	20	1	-	-	
	-	31		BLACK	-	-	1	1	1	3	6	11	9	2	2	1	-	-	
	-	1		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
IBERIA	1032	1225	17.1	ALL	5	16	25	51	79	73	244	394	298	196	79	9	-	-	
	576	684		WHITE	1	5	13	17	38	30	103	204	194	124	53	5	-	-	
	437	515		BLACK	4	10	12	30	40	41	133	180	101	70	23	4	-	-	
	19	26		OTHER	-	1	-	4	1	2	8	10	3	2	3	-	-	-	
NEW IBERIA*	1029	644	19.2	ALL	5	11	13	33	38	44	139	222	153	83	37	5	-	-	
	574	309		WHITE	1	3	5	9	19	17	53	102	80	47	23	3	-	-	
	436	317		BLACK	4	7	8	22	18	25	80	112	70	36	13	2	-	-	
	19	18		OTHER	-	1	-	2	1	2	6	8	3	-	1	-	-	-	
IBERVILLE	495	444	14.3	ALL	5	4	6	14	21	28	73	133	126	79	27	1	-	-	
	95	201		WHITE	-	-	-	5	8	10	23	54	69	45	10	-	-	-	
	398	243		BLACK	5	4	6	9	13	18	50	79	57	34	17	1	-	-	
	2	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
JACKSON	2	209	13.5	ALL	1	1	5	7	7	11	31	78	52	38	9	-	-	-	
	-	138		WHITE	-	-	1	5	5	4	15	52	36	28	7	-	-	-	
	2	70		BLACK	1	1	4	2	2	7	16	26	15	10	2	-	-	-	
	-	1		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
JEFFERSON	7864	6327	14.0	ALL	19	53	120	189	255	318	935	1584	1672	1462	557	94	4	-	
	5097	4008		WHITE	5	14	53	90	126	173	456	826	1163	1092	395	69	2	-	
	2407	1964		BLACK	12	37	65	89	122	134	447	692	403	277	113	18	2	-	
	360	355		OTHER	2	2	2	10	7	11	32	66	106	93	49	7	-	-	
KENNER*	190	1033	14.0	ALL	4	10	21	23	42	50	146	262	293	220	89	17	2	-	
	107	648		WHITE	2	3	11	13	14	28	69	134	204	164	63	11	1	-	
	61	315		BLACK	1	6	10	8	27	21	72	117	61	40	19	4	1	-	
	22	70		OTHER	1	1	-	2	1	1	5	11	28	16	7	2	-	-	
GRETNIA*	1705	447	25.1	ALL	1	7	8	11	30	32	88	146	98	84	27	3	-	-	
	690	233		WHITE	-	3	5	3	20	21	52	50	53	57	19	2	-	-	
	925	188		BLACK	1	3	3	7	9	9	31	87	41	20	7	1	-	-	
	90	26		OTHER	-	1	-	1	1	2	5	9	4	7	1	-	-	-	
HARAHAN*	-	122	11.7	ALL	-	-	-	-	2	3	5	27	32	41	10	7	-	-	
	-	120		WHITE	-	-	-	-	1	3	4	27	32	40	10	7	-	-	
	-	2		BLACK	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WESTWEGO*	1	203	18.0	ALL	1	2	6	13	8	15	44	78	47	21	9	3	-	-	
	1	122		WHITE	-	2	4	9	5	6	26	45	31	12	7	1	-	-	
	-	76		BLACK	1	-	2	4	3	9	18	33	13	7	2	2	-	-	
	-	5		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	

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JEFF DAVIS	390	515	16.3	ALL	2	3	11	31	33	31	109	159	124	78	35	8	-	-	
	308	401		WHITE	-	1	4	17	28	27	77	121	105	61	30	7	-	-	
	80	106		BLACK	2	2	7	13	5	4	31	37	15	16	4	1	-	-	
	2	8		OTHER	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	4	1	1	-	-	-	
JENNINGS*	389	207	17.2	ALL	1	2	5	18	13	9	47	73	43	30	11	2	-	-	
	308	140		WHITE	-	1	1	8	10	7	27	48	36	18	10	1	-	-	
	79	65		BLACK	1	1	4	9	3	2	19	24	7	12	1	1	-	-	
	2	2		OTHER	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LAFAYETTE	5003	2871	15.8	ALL	11	18	39	79	109	148	393	755	791	623	256	40	2	-	
	3395	1959		WHITE	4	5	12	39	57	75	188	454	598	476	208	29	2	-	
	1527	864		BLACK	7	13	26	40	49	73	201	293	180	132	40	11	-	-	
	81	48		OTHER	-	-	1	-	3	-	4	8	13	15	8	-	-	-	
LAFAYETTE*	4992	1757	15.7	ALL	7	11	28	55	75	103	272	464	453	369	164	26	2	-	
	3387	1038		WHITE	2	1	9	22	29	44	105	229	291	260	131	18	2	-	
	1524	685		BLACK	5	10	19	33	45	59	166	231	151	97	27	8	-	-	
	81	34		OTHER	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	11	12	6	-	-	-	
LAFOURCHE	1014	1181	13.4	ALL	3	6	29	44	64	61	204	336	338	203	89	8	-	-	
	923	909		WHITE	1	1	13	31	48	43	136	247	283	169	68	5	-	-	
	72	225		BLACK	2	5	14	13	12	15	59	74	41	29	17	3	-	-	
	19	47		OTHER	-	-	2	-	4	3	9	15	14	5	4	-	-	-	
THIBODAUX*	742	280	17.8	ALL	1	3	12	16	13	10	54	87	69	50	18	1	-	-	
	669	145		WHITE	-	-	1	7	8	3	19	36	43	36	11	-	-	-	
	66	131		BLACK	1	3	10	9	5	7	34	51	25	12	7	1	-	-	
	7	4		OTHER	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	
LASALLE	116	190	13.5	ALL	-	1	8	7	7	12	35	69	54	23	8	1	-	-	
	67	168		WHITE	-	-	6	5	6	11	28	61	52	21	6	-	-	-	
	49	22		BLACK	-	1	2	2	1	1	7	8	2	2	1	-	-	-	
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LINCOLN	554	534	12.6	ALL	3	3	8	21	30	40	102	178	140	75	26	9	1	-	
	283	255		WHITE	-	-	2	7	14	8	31	73	76	47	22	5	1	-	
	267	276		BLACK	3	3	6	14	16	32	71	104	64	27	4	3	-	-	
	4	3		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	
RUSTON*	554	264	12.7	ALL	2	2	6	15	12	19	54	90	66	36	11	5	-	-	
	283	96		WHITE	-	-	1	3	3	3	-	7	28	30	20	9	2	-	
	267	165		BLACK	2	2	5	12	9	19	47	61	36	15	2	2	-	-	
	4	3		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	
LIVINGSTON	4	1330	15.9	ALL	1	12	28	42	68	71	221	400	428	199	67	13	1	-	
	4	1232		WHITE	1	11	26	39	61	64	201	361	409	188	60	11	1	-	
	-	91		BLACK	-	1	2	3	6	7	19	37	17	9	7	2	-	-	
	-	7		OTHER	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	
MADISON	-	224	16.8	ALL	4	2	9	9	18	10	48	89	48	23	10	2	-	-	
	-	55		WHITE	-	-	1	1	6	1	9	21	13	7	4	1	-	-	
	-	169		BLACK	4	2	8	8	12	9	39	68	35	16	6	1	-	-	
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TALLULAH*	-	175	20.5	ALL	2	2	7	7	11	10	37	69	42	17	8	-	-	-	
	-	27		WHITE	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	11	10	2	3	-	-	-	
	-	148		BLACK	2	2	7	7	11	9	36	58	32	15	5	-	-	-	
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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					LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK.					
MOREHOUSE	430	499	15.7	ALL	1	10	20	34	35	38	137	180	116	46	17	2	-	-					
	269	220		WHITE	-	1	7	11	10	12	41	76	70	24	9	-	-	-					
	161	279		BLACK	1	9	13	23	25	26	96	104	46	22	8	2	-	-					
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
BASTROP*	430	292	20.8	ALL	1	8	14	23	25	22	92	107	62	19	10	1	-	-					
	269	87		WHITE	-	-	4	4	5	4	17	31	29	5	5	-	-	-					
	161	205		BLACK	1	8	10	19	20	18	75	76	33	14	5	1	-	-					
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
NATCHITOCHES	646	593	15.6	ALL	2	6	17	28	33	40	124	207	144	79	32	5	-	-					
	334	309		WHITE	1	-	5	11	11	18	45	104	92	48	16	3	-	-					
	305	278		BLACK	1	6	11	17	21	22	77	102	50	30	16	2	-	-					
	7	6		OTHER	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	2	1	-	-	-	-					
NATCHITOCHES*	644	311	18.0	ALL	1	5	11	13	14	22	65	104	78	43	18	2	-	-					
	332	106		WHITE	-	-	1	4	1	4	10	29	38	20	8	1	-	-					
	305	202		BLACK	1	5	9	9	13	18	54	74	39	23	10	1	-	-					
	7	3		OTHER	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-					
ORLEANS	9228	7734	16.4	ALL	46	87	180	312	444	506	1529	2383	1672	1324	619	151	10	-					
	2576	1419		WHITE	1	2	5	10	28	26	71	222	405	421	237	57	5	-					
	6377	6098		BLACK	45	85	173	302	411	477	1448	2127	1194	833	358	89	4	-					
	275	217		OTHER	-	-	2	-	5	3	10	34	73	70	24	5	1	-					
OUACHITA	3586	2217	15.1	ALL	15	21	44	72	115	129	381	714	605	330	141	31	-	-					
	1995	1191		WHITE	-	6	11	29	38	46	130	331	403	219	96	12	-	-					
	1575	1014		BLACK	15	15	33	43	77	83	251	382	199	105	43	19	-	-					
	16	12		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	6	2	-	-	-					
MONROE*	3180	1138	20.3	ALL	13	14	34	39	75	86	248	391	251	151	65	19	-	-					
	1639	270		WHITE	-	1	3	3	8	12	27	65	84	59	31	4	-	-					
	1526	859		BLACK	13	13	31	36	67	74	221	326	164	87	33	15	-	-					
	15	9		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	1	-	-	-					
WEST MONROE*	391	329	22.9	ALL	1	5	4	18	14	20	61	127	86	33	17	4	-	-					
	341	251		WHITE	-	3	4	14	9	15	45	94	74	23	13	2	-	-					
	49	76		BLACK	1	2	-	4	5	5	16	32	12	9	4	2	-	-					
	1	2		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-					
PLAQUEMINES	9	425	16.4	ALL	1	9	10	14	24	25	82	135	113	58	30	6	-	-					
	1	272		WHITE	-	3	4	7	16	12	42	82	85	44	17	2	-	-					
	7	130		BLACK	1	6	6	7	6	13	38	44	21	12	10	4	-	-					
	1	23		OTHER	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	9	7	2	3	-	-	-					
POINTE COUPEE	2	331	14.1	ALL	3	6	7	10	20	25	68	100	72	54	33	1	-	-					
	-	161		WHITE	-	1	2	6	7	4	20	42	46	37	15	1	-	-					
	2	170		BLACK	3	5	5	4	13	21	48	58	26	17	18	-	-	-					
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
RAPIDES	3033	1852	14.5	ALL	7	29	40	89	106	117	381	566	482	295	109	12	-	-					
	2004	1085		WHITE	1	9	15	34	53	55	166	308	328	201	72	9	-	-					
	1003	746		BLACK	6	19	25	54	53	61	212	253	149	89	34	3	-	-					
	26	21		OTHER	-	1	-	1	-	1	3	5	5	5	3	-	-	-					
ALEXANDRIA*	2225	813	16.0	ALL	6	19	22	47	52	59	199	243	188	128	42	7	-	-					
	1758	239		WHITE	-	2	2	9	12	12	37	50	70	56	21	5	-	-					
	447	560		BLACK	6	16	20	38	40	46	160	190	115	68	19	2	-	-					
	20	14		OTHER	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	3	3	4	2	-	-	-					
PINEVILLE*	800	288	19.0	ALL	-	4	8	13	15	20	60	92	71	41	21	3	-	-					
	241	211		WHITE	-	1	7	7	10	14	39	68	54	34	14	2	-	-					
	553	74		BLACK	-	3	1	5	5	6	20	24	16	7	6	1	-	-					
	6	3		OTHER	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-						

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					LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK.			
RED RIVER	1	134	13.6	ALL	3	4	1	7	7	5	24	47	36	16	6	2	-	-			
	-	67		WHITE	-	2	-	3	2	2	9	24	18	12	3	1	-	-			
	1	65		BLACK	3	2	1	4	5	3	15	22	18	3	3	1	-	-			
	-	2		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-			
RICHLAND	1	324	15.9	ALL	3	8	16	13	19	19	75	111	76	40	17	2	-	-			
	-	166		WHITE	-	-	3	6	8	6	23	57	49	27	9	1	-	-			
	1	157		BLACK	3	8	13	7	11	13	52	54	27	12	8	1	-	-			
	-	1		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-			
SABINE	4	331	13.9	ALL	-	2	8	9	16	28	63	116	84	52	13	3	-	-			
	-	232		WHITE	-	1	5	8	13	20	47	83	57	38	7	-	-	-	-		
	4	85		BLACK	-	1	1	1	3	7	13	31	24	10	5	2	-	-	-		
	-	14		OTHER	-	-	2	-	-	1	3	2	3	4	1	1	-	-	-		
ST BERNARD	2	884	13.2	ALL	-	5	17	14	45	40	121	237	260	180	76	10	-	-			
	1	784		WHITE	-	5	11	12	40	36	104	208	231	162	70	9	-	-	-		
	-	75		BLACK	-	-	6	2	5	4	17	23	19	11	4	1	-	-	-		
	1	25		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	10	7	2	-	-	-	-		
ST CHARLES	2	716	15.1	ALL	1	4	14	21	30	41	110	169	193	167	73	3	-	-	-		
	1	489		WHITE	1	1	6	11	13	21	52	91	148	137	57	3	-	-	-	-	
	1	222		BLACK	3	8	10	17	20	20	58	77	44	29	14	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	5		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	
ST HELENA	1	101	10.4	ALL	1	2	1	3	4	10	20	38	23	14	5	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	48		WHITE	-	-	-	2	3	3	8	18	13	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	
	1	53		BLACK	1	2	1	1	1	7	12	20	10	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ST JAMES	3	303	14.0	ALL	2	2	4	7	13	15	41	77	91	57	35	-	-	-	-	-	
	3	132		WHITE	-	-	-	1	2	2	5	26	50	34	17	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	171		BLACK	2	2	4	6	11	13	36	51	41	23	18	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ST JOHN	434	674	16.0	ALL	2	9	17	18	33	46	123	184	169	141	49	4	2	-	-	-	
	238	321		WHITE	-	1	3	5	13	15	37	70	94	84	33	2	1	-	-	-	
	191	349		BLACK	2	8	14	13	20	31	86	114	74	54	16	2	1	-	-	-	
	5	4		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ST LANDRY	1293	1340	16.2	ALL	7	21	30	64	66	94	275	416	324	207	93	18	-	-	-	-	
	749	672		WHITE	2	6	10	29	21	39	105	193	185	122	59	6	-	-	-	-	
	540	664		BLACK	5	15	20	35	44	54	168	222	138	85	34	12	-	-	-	-	
	4	4		OTHER	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
OPELOUSAS*	1135	393	19.9	ALL	4	12	8	23	27	24	94	137	75	48	25	10	-	-	-	-	-
	635	84		WHITE	1	1	-	3	1	5	10	27	18	16	11	1	-	-	-	-	-
	496	307		BLACK	3	11	8	20	25	19	83	109	57	32	14	9	-	-	-	-	-
	4	2		OTHER	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
EUNICE*	156	235	20.9	ALL	1	2	8	14	15	15	54	85	49	28	16	2	-	-	-	-	-
	112	147		WHITE	1	1	5	7	11	6	30	55	33	15	11	2	-	-	-	-	-
	44	88		BLACK	-	1	3	7	4	9	24	30	16	13	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ST MARTIN	1	755	16.2	ALL	5	11	22	26	43	42	144	213	177	138	66	11	1	-	-	-	-
	1	429		WHITE	2	4	7	12	22	20	65	116	114	83	40	8	1	-	-	-	-
	-	316		BLACK	3	7	15	14	20	22	78	92	60	55	25	3	-	-	-	-	-
	-	10		OTHER	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	

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					LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK.			
ST MARY	644	887	15.5	ALL	2	5	19	46	59	65	194	295	210	130	44	11	-	1			
	338	504		WHITE	-	3	7	25	29	33	97	154	131	89	25	7	-	1			
	291	364		BLACK	2	2	12	21	30	30	95	132	74	39	18	4	-	-			
	15	19		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	9	5	2	1	-	-	-			
MORGAN CITY*	449	288	19.1	ALL	1	2	2	16	11	16	47	105	74	42	15	4	-	-			
	269	191		WHITE	-	2	1	12	3	10	28	69	49	32	9	4	-	-			
	165	89		BLACK	1	-	1	4	8	6	19	32	23	9	5	-	-	-			
	15	8		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	1	1	-	-	-	-			
ST TAMMANY	3283	2532	14.0	ALL	2	15	34	65	104	94	312	518	689	627	324	56	4	-			
	2624	2144		WHITE	-	8	21	41	75	67	212	402	605	578	292	51	4	-			
	631	361		BLACK	2	7	13	23	29	26	98	109	81	36	30	5	-	-			
	28	27		OTHER	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	7	3	13	2	-	-	-			
SLIDELL*	1182	477	16.8	ALL	-	3	5	25	31	15	79	120	117	94	55	12	-	-			
	1007	385		WHITE	-	1	1	16	24	10	52	91	107	81	45	9	-	-			
	158	82		BLACK	-	2	4	8	7	5	26	27	8	9	9	3	-	-			
	17	10		OTHER	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	2	4	1	-	-	-			
TANGIPAHOA	1593	1652	17.3	ALL	8	25	49	89	113	125	401	541	378	233	77	12	1	1			
	913	964		WHITE	2	5	16	42	47	56	166	293	262	174	57	9	-	1			
	672	678		BLACK	6	20	33	47	64	69	233	246	113	56	20	3	1	-			
	8	10		OTHER	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	2	3	3	-	-	-	-			
HAMMOND*	1585	315	17.8	ALL	3	4	16	18	25	30	93	112	60	32	13	2	-	-			
	908	125		WHITE	1	-	3	7	4	9	23	43	32	18	7	1	-	-			
	669	186		BLACK	2	4	13	11	21	21	70	68	26	13	6	1	-	-			
	8	4		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-			
TENSAS	1	85	12.6	ALL	1	4	4	7	7	5	27	26	14	8	7	2	-	-			
	-	30		WHITE	-	-	1	-	3	1	5	11	8	4	1	1	-	-			
	1	55		BLACK	1	4	3	7	4	4	22	15	6	4	6	1	-	-			
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
TERREBONNE	2232	1701	16.6	ALL	7	14	46	80	112	112	364	469	447	281	116	16	1	-			
	1380	1171		WHITE	2	8	27	50	63	71	219	317	324	217	83	9	-	-			
	702	405		BLACK	4	6	11	22	39	25	103	119	100	47	28	4	-	-			
	150	125		OTHER	1	-	8	8	10	16	42	33	23	17	5	3	1	-			
HOUMA*	1050	942	28.2	ALL	6	7	30	49	65	61	212	263	241	147	64	9	-	-			
	830	594		WHITE	2	4	15	29	32	33	113	160	166	104	43	6	-	-			
	149	281		BLACK	3	3	10	14	29	20	76	83	64	35	18	2	-	-			
	71	67		OTHER	1	-	5	6	4	8	23	20	11	8	3	1	-	-			
UNION	2	306	14.1	ALL	2	3	11	16	16	12	58	112	76	45	11	2	-	-			
	1	207		WHITE	-	2	5	9	13	7	36	72	57	33	8	1	-	-			
	1	97		BLACK	2	1	6	7	3	5	22	40	18	11	3	1	-	-			
	-	2		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-				
VERMILION	229	710	13.8	ALL	3	8	15	14	31	46	114	213	210	125	44	1	-	-			
	127	542		WHITE	2	6	11	12	22	34	85	151	170	99	34	1	-	-			
	97	150		BLACK	1	2	3	2	9	12	28	53	34	24	10	-	-	-			
	5	18		OTHER	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	9	6	2	-	-	-	-			
ABBEVILLE*	228	208	15.9	ALL	2	3	3	5	8	14	33	77	54	27	14	1	-	-			
	126	100		WHITE	1	1	1	4	3	7	16	34	31	10	7	1	-	-			
	97	95		BLACK	1	2	2	1	5	7	17	35	19	16	7	-	-	-			
	5	13		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	4	1	-	-	-	-	-			
VERNON	577	962	20.4	ALL	2	5	13	20	45	83	166	383	263	109	37	2	-	-			
	392	730		WHITE	1	3	13	14	36	59	125	289	208	81	24	2	-	-			
	148	187		BLACK	-	1	-	5	9	22	37	74	45	21	10	-	-	-			
	37	45		OTHER	1	1	-	1	-	2	4	20	10	7	3	-	-	-			

TABLE 2.3: LIVE BIRTHS BY PLACE OF OCCURRENCE, REALLOCATED TO MOTHER'S USUAL RESIDENCE
AND SHOWN BY AGE AND RACE OF MOTHER
LOUISIANA, 1997

PARISH AND LARGER CITIES	TOTAL BY OCCURRENCE	TOTAL BY RESIDENCE	RATE+	RACE	AGE IN YEARS															
					LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK.		
WASHINGTON	39	662	15.1	ALL	5	4	20	30	53	58	165	248	134	67	36	7	-	-	-	-
	12	421		WHITE	2	1	5	19	28	38	91	152	99	49	22	6	-	-	-	-
	27	240		BLACK	3	3	15	11	25	20	74	96	34	18	14	1	-	-	-	-
	-	1		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOGALUSA*	37	207	14.3	ALL	1	1	10	9	17	21	58	83	33	18	12	2	-	-	-	-
	12	108		WHITE	-	-	3	4	10	12	29	39	23	10	5	2	-	-	-	-
	25	98		BLACK	1	1	7	5	7	9	29	44	9	8	7	-	-	-	-	-
	-	1		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WEBSTER	698	555	13.0	ALL	3	3	15	34	37	38	127	191	130	66	34	4	-	-	-	-
	365	311		WHITE	-	1	6	17	16	16	56	105	91	37	20	2	-	-	-	-
	327	241		BLACK	3	2	9	17	21	22	71	86	38	28	13	2	-	-	-	-
	6	3		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
MINDEN *	675	212	14.9	ALL	2	-	4	14	12	17	47	80	41	26	13	3	-	-	-	-
	355	75		WHITE	-	-	1	4	3	5	13	27	18	10	5	2	-	-	-	-
	314	135		BLACK	2	-	3	10	9	12	34	53	22	16	7	1	-	-	-	-
	6	2		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
W BATON ROUGE	2	344	16.8	ALL	2	4	11	11	14	27	67	99	94	56	21	5	-	-	-	-
	-	185		WHITE	-	1	5	1	8	11	26	52	57	37	9	4	-	-	-	-
	2	158		BLACK	2	3	6	9	6	16	40	47	37	19	12	1	-	-	-	-
	-	1		OTHER	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WEST CARROLL	-	129	10.6	ALL	-	-	5	2	8	11	26	54	25	16	7	1	-	-	-	-
	-	96		WHITE	-	-	3	2	6	9	20	39	20	12	4	1	-	-	-	-
	-	33		BLACK	-	-	2	-	2	2	6	15	5	4	3	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W FELICIANA	1	109	8.1	ALL	1	-	3	5	5	5	18	22	35	23	9	-	1	-	-	-
	-	59		WHITE	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	13	24	14	5	-	1	-	-	-
	1	50		BLACK	1	-	3	5	5	3	16	9	11	9	4	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WINN	1	231	13.4	ALL	2	5	10	6	15	23	59	70	60	30	8	1	1	-	-	-
	1	133		WHITE	-	1	1	4	11	10	27	42	38	20	5	1	-	-	-	-
	-	98		BLACK	2	4	9	2	4	13	32	28	22	10	3	-	1	-	-	-
	-	-		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OUT OF STATE**	857	1098		ALL	-	3	13	20	26	46	108	295	342	206	104	32	9	2	-	-
	435	940		WHITE	-	1	10	14	22	32	79	237	309	182	97	26	9	1	-	-
	420	148		BLACK	-	2	3	6	4	14	29	56	31	18	7	6	-	-	-	-
	2	10		OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-

+RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION

*CITIES INCLUDED IN PARISH TOTALS

**NOT INCLUDED IN STATE TOTALS

Births to unmarried women are tabulated based on the woman's marital status as reported on the birth certificate. The percent of unmarried women among all women giving birth is influenced by economic, peer, and self-perception issues that affect both the rate at which women marry and the number of married and unmarried women giving birth. Marital status can be used as an indicator for important health and social outcomes. As the U.S. Census Bureau reports, marital status "does represent a significant distinction in the resources available to the children, in terms of social, human, and financial capital, as well as the occurrence of marital instability."⁵

The annual proportion of live births that occur to unmarried women in Louisiana has doubled in the last two decades. This increase has occurred in every age group, but can be seen most clearly in mothers in their twenties, where the percentage of unmarried women among all women giving birth has almost tripled in the past 20 years. In 1997, there were 28,900 live births to unmarried women. This represents 43.8% of all 1997 live births in the state, versus 22.3% in 1977.

Very young women were the most likely to be unmarried, with 99% of all mothers under the age of 15 being unmarried in 1997. Black mothers were more than three times as likely to be unmarried as white mothers were. The greatest racial disparity in marital status was seen in mothers aged 30-34, where blacks were more than five times more likely than whites to be unmarried.

Unmarried Mothers

**Table 2.4: Percent of Live Births to Unmarried Mothers by Maternal Age
Louisiana and United States, 1988-1997**

Year	Louisiana							United States						
	<20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 +	All Ages	<20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 +	All Ages
1988	70.8	39.3	19.8	15.4	16.1	19.0	33.5	65.9	32.9	15.8	11.8	12.8	15.6	25.7
1989	72.3	41.4	21.9	16.4	16.7	18.8	35.2	67.2	35.1	17.1	12.6	13.3	15.9	27.1
1990	73.2	43.0	22.8	18.1	19.3	20.7	36.8	67.6	36.9	18.0	13.3	13.9	17.0	28.0
1991	75.1	45.1	23.7	18.9	20.3	20.5	38.3	69.3	39.4	19.2	14.0	14.6	17.4	29.5
1992	78.8	47.0	25.2	19.0	21.4	21.6	40.3	70.5	40.7	19.8	14.3	15.2	17.7	30.1
1993	80.6	49.3	26.5	20.2	21.0	22.5	42.1	71.8	42.2	20.7	14.7	15.6	18.1	31.0
1994	81.7	50.2	26.6	20.1	21.2	25.7	42.6	75.9	44.9	21.8	15.1	16.1	18.7	32.6
1995	81.9	50.9	26.6	18.8	20.8	25.2	42.4	75.6	44.7	21.5	14.7	15.7	18.1	32.2
1996	83.0	53.7	26.4	19.7	20.7	25.3	43.4	76.3	45.6	22.0	14.8	15.7	18.4	32.4
1997	83.6	55.4	26.4	18.9	20.4	24.8	43.8	78.2	46.6	22.0	14.1	14.6	17.1	32.4

Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics

**Table 2.5: Percents of Unmarried Mothers by Maternal Race and Age
Louisiana, 1997**

Race	Maternal Age								
	<15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	All Ages
All	98.98	83.22	55.40	26.40	18.86	20.39	24.65	26.83	43.82
White	92.31	66.44	31.28	11.61	8.18	9.77	11.11	19.23	23.29
Black	100.00	95.73	81.12	57.27	44.83	43.29	47.37	38.46	73.13
Other	100.00	73.33	41.64	14.32	8.22	12.50	13.04	50.00	25.18

Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics

⁵ Fields, Jason M. and Kristen E. Smith. "Poverty, Family Structure, and Child Well-Being: Indicators From the SIPP." Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census. Washington, DC, April 1998.

TABLE 2.6: BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED MOTHERS BY PLACE OF OCCURRENCE, REALLOCATED TO USUAL RESIDENCE
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LOUISIANA, 1997

PARISH AND LARGER CITIES	TOTAL BY OCCURRENCE	TOTAL BY RESIDENCE	RATE+	RACE	AGE IN YEARS														
					LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK.	
STATE	28667 8750 19567 350	28900 8719 19830 351	438.2 232.9 731.3 251.8	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	291 36 251 4	670 173 492 5	1300 404 881 15	2064 695 1343 26	2851 1026 1794 31	3044 1012 1999 33	9929 3310 6509 110	10823 3078 7618 127	4490 1290 1504 58	2171 638 3142 29	971 304 648 19	214 58 153 3	11 5 5 1	- - - -	
ACADIA	291 148 143 -	423 303.8 207 -	435.2 802.3 - <td>ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER</td> <td>6 3 3 -</td> <td>13 9 4 -</td> <td>24 9 15 -</td> <td>39 20 19 -</td> <td>50 27 23 -</td> <td>39 23 16 -</td> <td>165 88 77 -</td> <td>153 77 76 -</td> <td>65 26 39 -</td> <td>23 16 7 -</td> <td>8 5 3 -</td> <td>3 1 2 -</td> <td>- - - -</td>	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	6 3 3 -	13 9 4 -	24 9 15 -	39 20 19 -	50 27 23 -	39 23 16 -	165 88 77 -	153 77 76 -	65 26 39 -	23 16 7 -	8 5 3 -	3 1 2 -	- - - -		
CROWLEY*	290 147 143 -	145 55 90 -	541.0 345.9 833.3 -	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	1 - 1 -	2 1 1 -	12 2 10 -	17 6 11 -	13 3 10 -	13 5 8 -	57 17 40 -	47 21 26 -	25 8 17 -	11 7 4 -	3 2 1 -	1 - - -			
ALLEN	1 1 - -	114 262.9 44 4	352.9 262.9 666.7 666.7	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	- - - -	1 - 1 -	3 2 4 -	10 6 4 -	15 11 4 -	22 12 9 1	51 31 19 1	36 19 15 2	17 9 7 1	3 1 2 -	2 2 1 -	3 2 2 -	- - - -		
ASCENSION	5 2 3 -	408 182 224 2	349.9 210.9 746.7 666.7	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	5 2 3 -	8 5 3 -	13 11 10 -	26 21 15 -	41 29 20 -	41 69 12 -	129 69 60 -	149 61 86 2	74 28 46 -	34 14 20 -	15 7 8 -	2 1 1 -	- - - -		
ASSUMPTION	2 1 1 -	136 50 86 -	456.4 271.7 754.4 -	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	- - - -	2 - 2 -	10 4 6 -	11 4 7 -	18 4 14 -	21 12 9 -	62 24 38 -	36 15 21 -	26 15 19 -	7 3 4 -	1 1 4 -	4 - - -	- - - -		
AVOYELLES	2 - 2 -	278 317.1 160 1	475.2 317.1 751.2 333.3	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	5 1 4 -	9 1 8 -	15 6 9 -	20 12 8 -	25 11 14 -	26 9 17 -	95 39 50 1	107 50 56 1	44 17 56 -	15 8 7 -	7 2 5 -	5 - - -	- - - -		
BEAUREGARD	201 123 76 2	134 202.5 51 250.0	279.7 WHITE 718.3 OTHER	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	1 1 2 -	3 1 3 -	8 5 9 -	19 10 3 -	14 11 4 -	13 9 4 -	57 36 21 -	54 27 25 2	11 8 3 -	8 8 1 -	2 1 1 -	1 - - -	- - - -		
DE RIDDER*	201 123 76 2	62 18 43 1	356.3 166.7 693.5 250.0	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	- - - -	1 - 1 -	4 3 5 -	8 3 3 -	6 3 4 -	4 7 16 -	23 7 16 -	31 7 23 1	6 3 3 -	1 1 1 -	1 1 1 -	1 - - -	- - - -		
BIENVILLE	- - - -	102 27 74 1	470.0 225.0 770.8 1000.0	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	- - - -	5 2 3 -	2 1 1 -	12 4 8 -	12 4 8 -	10 2 8 -	41 13 28 -	38 10 28 -	12 2 10 -	6 2 4 -	4 - 3 1	1 - 1 -	- - - -		
BOSSIER	116 75 41 -	462 193 263 6	334.3 199.4 690.3 181.8	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	3 - 3 -	18 8 10 -	18 10 8 1	31 26 27 -	53 29 38 1	68 89 97 2	188 50 99 1	150 50 99 1	68 28 38 2	28 13 15 -	28 12 10 1	2 1 1 -	- - - -		
BOSSIER CITY*	115 75 40 -	291 121 165 5	337.6 205.4 665.3 200.0	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	1 - 1 -	15 6 9 -	7 3 4 -	22 11 11 -	29 16 13 -	40 18 21 1	113 54 58 1	97 31 65 1	46 20 24 2	16 8 8 -	16 7 8 1	2 1 1 -	- - - -		
CADDY	2790 623 2149 18	1880 308 1563 9	509.5 193.5 763.2 180.0	ALL WHITE BLACK OTHER	25 - 25 -	50 8 42 -	69 13 56 -	113 18 93 2	173 31 142 -	205 44 161 -	610 114 494 2	708 113 494 3	325 638 592 3	134 18 273 1	69 13 56 -	8 1 7 -	1 - 1 -		

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					LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK.	
SHREVEPORT*	2790	1715	538.6	ALL	24	47	59	99	158	189	552	649	299	124	62	4	1	-	
	623	221	185.7	WHITE	-	6	5	11	20	36	78	82	37	14	10	4	-	-	
	2149	1486	763.6	BLACK	24	41	54	87	138	153	473	564	259	109	52	4	1	-	
	18	8	166.7	OTHER	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	
CALCASIEU	1145	1052	378.8	ALL	5	24	62	83	111	136	416	383	147	66	28	7	-	-	
	550	474	247.8	WHITE	-	13	34	42	48	59	196	160	74	29	12	3	-	-	
	584	568	679.4	BLACK	5	11	28	41	63	76	219	219	69	37	15	4	-	-	
	11	10	357.1	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	4	-	1	-	-	-	
LAKE CHARLES*	952	622	513.2	ALL	5	10	28	43	60	85	226	240	82	44	19	6	-	-	
	399	153	292.0	WHITE	-	1	8	7	12	18	46	60	26	12	6	3	-	-	
	545	459	689.2	BLACK	5	9	20	36	48	66	179	176	52	32	12	3	-	-	
	8	10	454.5	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	4	-	1	-	-	-	
SULPHUR*	188	98	307.2	ALL	-	4	9	6	11	11	41	35	13	8	1	-	-	-	
	148	91	302.3	WHITE	-	4	9	6	10	10	39	31	13	7	1	-	-	-	
	37	7	466.7	BLACK	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	
	3	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CALDWELL	-	58	420.3	ALL	2	1	1	1	8	5	16	28	5	4	3	-	-	-	
	-	32	299.1	WHITE	-	1	1	1	6	4	13	14	3	1	1	-	-	-	
	-	26	866.7	BLACK	2	-	-	-	2	1	3	14	2	3	2	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CAMERON	-	35	327.1	ALL	-	-	4	8	5	1	18	12	1	4	-	-	-	-	
	-	33	330.0	WHITE	-	-	4	8	5	1	18	11	1	3	-	-	-	-	
	-	2	333.3	BLACK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CATAHOULA	-	56	411.8	ALL	-	3	2	6	12	4	27	20	5	2	2	-	-	-	
	-	20	208.3	WHITE	-	-	-	3	5	1	9	8	2	-	1	-	-	-	
	-	36	900.0	BLACK	-	3	2	3	7	3	18	12	3	2	1	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CLAIBORNE	72	102	476.6	ALL	1	2	7	8	11	8	36	41	12	10	2	-	-	-	
	12	15	148.5	WHITE	-	-	-	3	4	3	10	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	
	60	86	774.8	BLACK	1	2	7	5	7	5	26	36	11	10	2	-	-	-	
	-	1	500.0	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CONCORDIA	158	179	545.7	ALL	4	6	10	14	17	21	68	66	22	15	3	1	-	-	
	21	35	227.3	WHITE	-	1	4	1	6	3	15	14	1	3	2	-	-	-	
	136	143	831.4	BLACK	4	5	6	13	11	18	53	52	20	12	1	1	-	-	
	1	1	500.0	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
DESOTO	-	170	487.1	ALL	2	6	6	9	25	16	62	57	31	11	5	2	-	-	
	-	53	284.9	WHITE	-	-	2	2	8	6	18	19	13	3	-	-	-	-	
	-	117	717.8	BLACK	2	6	4	7	17	10	44	38	18	8	5	2	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
E BATON ROUGE	3730	2596	427.5	ALL	33	57	95	169	213	247	781	1003	438	227	83	29	2	-	
	1032	484	168.6	WHITE	-	11	13	32	42	52	150	172	73	57	23	9	-	-	
	2675	2094	687.7	BLACK	33	46	81	136	171	195	629	825	358	169	60	18	2	-	
	23	18	114.6	OTHER	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	6	7	1	-	2	-	-	
BATON ROUGE*	3480	2296	464.9	ALL	29	50	87	148	184	223	692	886	394	200	69	24	2	-	
	964	353	172.3	WHITE	-	8	10	18	26	43	105	131	55	43	14	5	-	-	
	2494	1927	701.2	BLACK	29	42	77	129	158	180	586	749	332	156	55	18	2	-	
	22	16	112.7	OTHER	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	6	7	1	-	1	-	-	

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					LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK.	
BAKER*	-	91	417.4	ALL	2	-	2	10	6	5	23	35	20	8	3	-	-	-	
	-	33	289.5	WHITE	-	-	-	4	3	3	10	12	7	2	2	-	-	-	
	-	58	563.1	BLACK	2	-	2	6	3	2	13	23	13	6	1	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
EAST CARROLL	2	95	659.7	ALL	2	3	10	9	5	3	30	37	19	6	-	1	-	-	
	-	4	133.3	WHITE	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
	2	91	798.2	BLACK	2	3	10	8	4	3	28	37	17	6	-	1	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
E FELICIANA	1	152	495.1	ALL	-	2	8	11	17	21	59	52	28	9	2	2	-	-	
	-	34	215.2	WHITE	-	-	3	3	5	4	15	11	8	-	-	-	-	-	
	1	118	802.7	BLACK	-	2	5	8	12	17	44	41	20	9	2	2	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
EVANGELINE	395	256	437.6	ALL	5	16	14	24	31	21	106	90	41	9	5	-	-	-	
	163	102	272.0	WHITE	2	5	4	10	11	9	39	36	17	6	2	-	-	-	
	226	154	740.4	BLACK	3	11	10	14	20	12	67	54	24	3	-	-	-	-	
	6	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
FRANKLIN	2	143	496.5	ALL	1	3	7	8	16	19	53	58	19	8	3	1	-	-	
	-	32	205.1	WHITE	-	-	4	2	3	8	17	9	5	1	-	-	-	-	
	2	111	847.3	BLACK	1	3	3	6	13	11	36	49	14	7	3	1	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRANT	1	79	301.5	ALL	-	1	5	3	6	16	31	28	8	8	3	1	-	-	
	1	58	252.2	WHITE	-	1	4	2	6	12	25	19	5	6	3	-	-	-	
	-	20	645.2	BLACK	-	-	1	1	-	3	5	9	3	2	-	1	-	-	
	-	1	1000.0	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
IBERIA	524	594	484.9	ALL	4	15	23	47	72	66	223	232	76	40	18	1	-	-	
	180	197	288.0	WHITE	-	5	11	13	31	25	85	75	18	10	9	-	-	-	
	330	376	730.1	BLACK	4	9	12	30	40	39	130	150	55	28	8	1	-	-	
	14	21	807.7	OTHER	-	1	-	4	1	2	8	7	3	2	1	-	-	-	
NEW IBERIA*	523	350	543.5	ALL	4	11	13	31	33	39	127	135	53	18	12	1	-	-	
	180	101	326.9	WHITE	-	3	5	7	14	14	43	38	11	4	5	-	-	-	
	329	234	738.2	BLACK	4	7	8	22	18	23	78	91	39	14	7	1	-	-	
	14	15	833.3	OTHER	-	1	-	2	1	2	6	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	
IBERVILLE	396	227	511.3	ALL	5	4	6	13	19	23	65	85	42	23	7	-	-	-	
	48	44	218.9	WHITE	-	-	-	4	6	6	16	16	8	3	1	-	-	-	
	348	183	753.1	BLACK	5	4	6	9	13	17	49	69	34	20	6	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
JACKSON	2	69	330.1	ALL	1	1	4	4	2	9	20	32	11	4	1	-	-	-	
	-	17	123.2	WHITE	-	-	-	2	1	2	5	8	2	1	1	-	-	-	
	2	52	742.9	BLACK	1	1	4	2	1	7	15	24	9	3	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
JEFFERSON	2879	2508	396.4	ALL	19	53	115	172	219	248	807	932	407	223	100	18	2	-	
	1240	1069	266.7	WHITE	5	14	48	79	99	120	360	370	179	99	44	11	1	-	
	1554	1354	689.4	BLACK	12	37	65	85	113	119	419	535	215	114	52	6	1	-	
	85	85	239.4	OTHER	2	2	2	8	7	9	28	27	13	10	4	1	-	-	
KENNER*	76	419	405.6	ALL	4	10	21	20	35	41	127	168	59	42	17	1	1	-	
	20	181	279.3	WHITE	2	3	11	10	12	21	57	65	26	23	7	1	-	-	
	50	220	698.4	BLACK	1	6	10	8	22	20	66	96	30	17	9	-	1	-	-
	6	18	257.1	OTHER	1	1	-	2	1	-	4	7	3	2	1	-	-	-	
GRETNNA*	984	229	512.3	ALL	1	7	7	11	23	23	71	95	36	18	6	2	-	-	
	265	84	360.5	WHITE	-	3	4	3	13	13	36	23	12	8	3	2	-	-	
	686	132	702.1	BLACK	1	3	3	7	9	8	30	68	23	7	3	-	-	-	-
	33	13	500.0	OTHER	-	1	-	1	1	2	5	4	1	3	-	-	-	-	

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					LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK.
HARAHAN*	-	22	180.3	ALL	-	-	-	-	2	3	5	13	3	1	-	-	-	-
	-	21	175.0	WHITE	-	-	-	-	1	3	4	13	3	1	-	-	-	-
	-	1	500.0	BLACK	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTWEGO*	-	113	556.7	ALL	1	2	5	12	8	9	36	50	15	7	4	-	-	-
	-	54	442.6	WHITE	-	2	3	8	5	1	19	25	5	3	2	-	-	-
	-	59	776.3	BLACK	1	-	2	4	3	8	17	25	10	4	2	-	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JEFF DAVIS	167	212	411.7	ALL	2	3	11	26	26	17	83	78	26	16	6	1	-	-
	105	128	319.2	WHITE	-	1	4	13	21	13	52	46	18	6	5	1	-	-
	62	82	773.6	BLACK	2	2	7	13	5	4	31	31	7	10	1	-	-	-
	-	2	250.0	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
JENNINGS*	166	107	516.9	ALL	1	2	5	14	13	5	39	44	11	10	1	1	-	-
	105	53	378.6	WHITE	-	1	1	5	10	3	20	22	7	2	1	1	-	-
	61	53	815.4	BLACK	1	1	4	9	3	2	19	21	4	8	-	-	-	-
	-	1	500.0	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LAFAYETTE	1780	1012	352.5	ALL	10	18	36	68	93	123	338	394	145	89	30	5	1	-
	745	428	218.5	WHITE	3	5	11	28	47	55	146	166	57	37	17	1	1	-
	1012	576	666.7	BLACK	7	13	24	40	44	68	189	226	87	51	12	4	-	-
	23	8	166.7	OTHER	-	-	1	-	2	-	3	2	1	1	1	-	-	-
LAFAYETTE*	1780	699	397.8	ALL	6	11	27	50	66	89	243	267	101	60	17	4	1	-
	745	227	218.7	WHITE	1	1	9	17	24	35	86	86	25	19	9	-	1	-
	1012	468	683.2	BLACK	5	10	18	33	41	54	156	180	75	40	8	4	-	-
	23	4	117.6	OTHER	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
LAFOURCHE	163	451	381.9	ALL	3	5	27	37	50	43	162	161	78	28	18	1	-	-
	124	252	277.2	WHITE	1	-	12	25	37	27	101	91	44	10	5	-	-	-
	36	181	804.4	BLACK	2	5	14	12	11	14	56	61	32	17	12	1	-	-
	3	18	383.0	OTHER	-	-	1	-	2	2	5	9	2	1	1	-	-	-
THIBODAUX*	106	148	528.6	ALL	1	3	11	13	11	8	46	56	30	9	6	-	-	-
	75	37	255.2	WHITE	-	-	1	5	6	1	13	13	8	1	2	-	-	-
	31	110	839.7	BLACK	1	3	10	8	5	7	33	43	22	7	4	-	-	-
	-	1	250.0	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
LASALLE	62	48	252.6	ALL	-	1	5	6	6	4	22	18	3	2	2	1	-	-
	22	30	178.6	WHITE	-	-	3	4	5	3	15	11	3	1	-	-	-	-
	40	18	818.2	BLACK	-	1	2	2	1	1	7	7	-	1	2	1	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LINCOLN	259	235	440.1	ALL	3	3	7	16	20	34	80	92	43	13	4	-	-	-
	55	33	129.4	WHITE	-	-	1	2	5	3	11	14	4	2	-	-	-	-
	202	201	728.3	BLACK	3	3	6	14	15	31	69	77	39	11	2	-	-	-
	2	1	333.3	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
RUSTON*	259	147	556.8	ALL	2	2	5	13	12	19	51	59	24	8	3	-	-	-
	55	17	177.1	WHITE	-	-	-	1	3	-	4	9	1	1	2	-	-	-
	202	129	781.8	BLACK	2	2	5	12	9	19	47	49	23	7	1	-	-	-
	2	1	333.3	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
LIVINGSTON	1	349	262.4	ALL	1	11	20	30	39	42	142	117	56	22	7	4	-	-
	1	287	233.0	WHITE	1	10	18	27	35	36	126	90	46	18	4	2	-	-
	-	61	670.3	BLACK	-	1	2	3	4	6	16	27	10	3	3	2	-	-
	-	1	142.9	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
MADISON	-	151	674.1	ALL	4	2	9	9	15	9	44	58	28	13	3	1	-	-
	-	13	236.4	WHITE	-	-	1	1	3	-	5	6	2	-	-	-	-	-
	-	138	816.6	BLACK	4	2	8	8	12	9	39	52	26	13	3	1	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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TALLULAH*	-	122	697.1	ALL	2	2	7	7	11	9	36	45	25	12	2	-	-	-	
	-	2	74.1	WHITE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	120	810.8	BLACK	2	2	7	7	11	9	36	44	24	12	2	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MOREHOUSE	178	281	563.1	ALL	1	10	18	28	28	35	119	105	37	13	5	1	-	-	
	54	59	268.2	WHITE	-	1	5	5	5	9	25	20	11	-	3	-	-	-	
	124	222	795.7	BLACK	1	9	13	23	23	26	94	85	26	13	2	1	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BASTROP*	178	196	671.2	ALL	1	8	13	20	20	22	83	72	27	9	4	-	-	-	
	54	27	310.3	WHITE	-	-	3	1	2	4	10	10	5	-	2	-	-	-	
	124	169	824.4	BLACK	1	8	10	19	18	18	73	62	22	9	2	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NATCHITOCHES	338	270	455.3	ALL	2	6	14	22	26	30	98	100	40	18	11	1	-	-	
	84	53	171.5	WHITE	1	-	2	7	5	8	22	15	4	6	5	-	-	-	
	251	213	766.2	BLACK	1	6	11	15	20	22	74	84	35	12	6	1	-	-	
	3	4	666.7	OTHER	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	
NATCHITOCHES*	338	181	582.0	ALL	1	5	10	10	12	20	57	71	32	13	6	1	-	-	
	84	19	179.2	WHITE	-	-	-	3	-	2	5	7	2	2	3	-	-	-	
	251	159	787.1	BLACK	1	5	9	7	12	18	51	63	29	11	3	1	-	-	
	3	3	1000.0	OTHER	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ORLEANS	5521	4904	634.1	ALL	46	87	178	306	421	467	1459	1906	796	436	201	57	3	-	
	587	264	186.0	WHITE	1	2	4	7	20	17	50	92	63	33	15	9	1	-	
	4884	4606	755.3	BLACK	45	85	172	299	396	449	1401	1803	727	398	183	48	1	-	
	50	34	156.7	OTHER	-	-	2	-	5	1	8	11	6	5	3	-	1	-	
OUACHITA	1598	1030	464.6	ALL	15	20	42	61	96	93	312	411	169	73	35	15	-	-	
	359	235	197.3	WHITE	-	5	10	20	20	16	71	93	43	15	11	2	-	-	
	1239	795	784.0	BLACK	15	15	32	41	76	77	241	318	126	58	24	13	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MONROE*	1521	759	667.0	ALL	13	14	33	37	69	73	226	296	124	61	28	11	-	-	
	309	65	240.7	WHITE	-	1	3	2	3	5	14	23	13	7	7	1	-	-	
	1212	694	807.9	BLACK	13	13	30	35	66	68	212	273	111	54	21	10	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WEST MONROE*	76	132	401.2	ALL	1	4	4	12	10	12	42	59	19	6	2	3	-	-	
	49	79	314.7	WHITE	-	2	4	9	5	7	27	32	13	4	2	1	-	-	
	27	53	697.4	BLACK	1	2	-	3	5	5	15	27	6	2	-	2	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
PLAQUEMINES	4	189	444.7	ALL	1	9	9	12	21	17	68	80	25	5	7	3	-	-	
	-	88	323.5	WHITE	-	3	3	6	13	6	31	41	12	1	3	-	-	-	
	4	91	700.0	BLACK	1	6	6	6	6	11	35	34	12	4	2	3	-	-	
	-	10	434.8	OTHER	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	
POINTE COUPEE	2	174	525.7	ALL	3	6	7	8	18	24	63	61	16	15	16	-	-	-	
	-	40	248.4	WHITE	-	1	2	4	5	4	16	15	3	3	3	-	-	-	
	2	134	788.2	BLACK	3	5	5	4	13	20	47	46	13	12	13	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
RAPIDES	1203	812	438.4	ALL	7	28	33	77	81	80	299	302	120	58	21	5	-	-	
	453	238	219.4	WHITE	1	8	11	23	28	24	94	86	31	18	5	3	-	-	
	744	570	764.1	BLACK	6	19	22	53	53	56	203	214	89	40	16	2	-	-	
	6	4	190.5	OTHER	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ALEXANDRIA*	659	493	606.4	ALL	6	19	19	45	47	49	179	184	78	33	10	3	-	-	
	363	54	225.9	WHITE	-	2	2	7	7	7	25	18	5	2	2	2	-	-	
	292	437	780.4	BLACK	6	16	17	38	40	42	153	165	73	31	8	1	-	-	
	4	2	142.9	OTHER	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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PINEVILLE*	543	109	378.5	ALL	-	4	6	12	12	10	44	36	11	10	7	1	-	-
	90	56	265.4	WHITE	-	1	5	6	7	5	24	19	4	6	3	-	-	-
	451	52	702.7	BLACK	-	3	1	5	5	5	19	17	7	4	4	1	-	-
	2	1	333.3	OTHER	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RED RIVER	1	64	477.6	ALL	3	3	1	6	6	3	19	22	15	5	-	-	-	-
	-	13	194.0	WHITE	-	1	-	2	1	-	4	3	3	3	-	-	-	-
	1	51	784.6	BLACK	3	2	1	4	5	3	15	19	12	2	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICHLAND	-	165	509.3	ALL	3	8	16	10	13	12	59	56	29	13	5	-	-	-
	-	32	192.8	WHITE	-	-	3	3	2	1	9	11	7	5	-	-	-	-
	-	133	847.1	BLACK	3	8	13	7	11	11	50	45	22	8	5	-	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SABINE	4	131	395.8	ALL	-	2	4	3	13	18	40	52	23	14	1	1	-	-
	-	63	271.6	WHITE	-	1	2	2	10	10	25	21	9	7	1	-	-	-
	4	65	764.7	BLACK	-	1	1	1	3	7	13	30	14	7	-	1	-	-
	-	3	214.3	OTHER	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
ST BERNARD	1	274	310.0	ALL	-	5	17	11	35	29	97	107	35	24	10	1	-	-
	-	221	281.9	WHITE	-	5	11	9	32	26	83	90	23	19	6	-	-	-
	-	48	640.0	BLACK	-	-	6	2	3	3	14	14	12	4	3	1	-	-
	1	5	200.0	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
ST CHARLES	1	255	356.1	ALL	1	4	11	19	27	31	92	96	36	15	14	1	-	-
	-	90	184.0	WHITE	1	1	4	9	10	12	36	30	13	4	5	1	-	-
	1	163	734.2	BLACK	-	3	7	10	17	19	56	65	23	11	8	-	-	-
	-	2	400.0	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
ST HELENA	1	46	455.4	ALL	1	2	1	1	-	7	11	22	4	6	2	-	-	-
	-	8	166.7	WHITE	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	1	-	2	-	-	-
	1	38	717.0	BLACK	1	2	1	1	-	6	10	18	3	6	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ST JAMES	-	141	465.3	ALL	2	2	4	7	12	15	40	52	23	14	10	-	-	-
	-	18	136.4	WHITE	-	-	-	1	2	2	5	10	3	-	-	-	-	-
	-	123	719.3	BLACK	2	2	4	6	10	13	35	42	20	14	10	-	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ST JOHN	178	299	443.6	ALL	2	8	16	17	32	38	111	114	41	24	6	1	-	-
	45	70	218.1	WHITE	-	1	2	4	12	8	27	24	9	8	2	-	-	-
	133	229	656.2	BLACK	2	7	14	13	20	30	84	90	32	16	4	1	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ST LANDRY	557	616	459.7	ALL	7	20	28	59	57	68	232	226	93	38	17	3	-	-
	186	168	250.0	WHITE	2	5	9	25	16	19	74	59	19	10	4	-	-	-
	370	447	673.2	BLACK	5	15	19	34	40	49	157	167	74	28	13	3	-	-
	1	1	250.0	OTHER	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OPELOUSAS*	491	242	615.8	ALL	4	12	8	22	23	19	84	98	30	16	7	3	-	-
	154	25	297.6	WHITE	1	1	-	3	1	2	7	12	2	1	-	-	-	-
	336	216	703.6	BLACK	3	11	8	19	21	17	76	86	28	14	6	3	-	-
	1	1	500.0	OTHER	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EUNICE*	66	118	502.1	ALL	1	2	8	13	14	12	49	46	15	5	2	-	-	-
	32	56	381.0	WHITE	1	1	5	6	10	3	25	22	5	2	1	-	-	-
	34	62	704.5	BLACK	-	1	3	7	4	9	24	24	10	3	1	-	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ST MARTIN	-	357	472.8	ALL	5	10	22	23	38	32	125	122	52	33	18	2	-	-
	-	129	300.7	WHITE	2	3	7	10	17	13	50	41	17	10	8	1	-	-
	-	221	699.4	BLACK	3	7	15	13	20	19	74	78	33	23	9	1	-	-
	-	7	700.0	OTHER	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	2	-	1	-	-	-

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PARISH AND LARGER CITIES	TOTAL BY OCCURRENCE	TOTAL BY RESIDENCE	RATE+	RACE	AGE IN YEARS													
					LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK.
ST MARY	375	443	499.4	ALL	2	4	18	39	48	45	154	174	66	29	15	3	-	-
	135	150	297.6	WHITE	-	2	6	18	19	16	61	57	20	8	4	-	-	-
	235	287	788.5	BLACK	2	2	12	21	29	28	92	113	46	20	11	3	-	-
	5	6	315.8	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	1	-	-	-	-
MORGAN CITY*	242	131	454.9	ALL	1	2	2	12	9	11	36	54	26	8	6	-	-	-
	106	56	293.2	WHITE	-	2	1	8	1	6	18	25	9	2	2	-	-	-
	131	73	820.2	BLACK	1	-	1	4	8	5	18	27	17	6	4	-	-	-
	5	2	250.0	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ST TAMMANY	1052	677	267.4	ALL	2	15	34	52	87	70	258	239	98	48	25	7	-	-
	606	436	203.4	WHITE	-	8	21	28	59	45	161	154	59	40	16	6	-	-
	440	236	653.7	BLACK	2	7	13	23	28	24	95	83	39	7	9	1	-	-
	6	5	185.2	OTHER	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
SLIDELL*	329	163	341.7	ALL	-	3	5	21	25	12	66	66	12	13	6	-	-	-
	243	108	280.5	WHITE	-	1	1	12	19	8	41	46	8	10	3	-	-	-
	83	53	646.3	BLACK	-	2	4	8	6	4	24	20	4	2	3	-	-	-
	3	2	200.0	OTHER	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
TANGIPAHOA	770	752	455.2	ALL	8	25	44	68	90	86	313	285	98	34	14	-	-	-
	254	243	252.1	WHITE	2	5	11	23	28	28	95	90	36	14	6	-	-	-
	515	507	747.8	BLACK	6	20	33	45	60	58	216	195	62	20	8	-	-	-
	1	2	200.0	OTHER	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HAMMOND*	766	182	577.8	ALL	3	4	15	15	22	21	77	74	18	7	3	-	-	-
	253	35	280.0	WHITE	1	-	2	4	2	3	11	18	3	1	1	-	-	-
	512	147	790.3	BLACK	2	4	13	11	20	18	66	56	15	6	2	-	-	-
	1	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TENSAS	1	49	576.5	ALL	1	4	2	7	5	4	22	15	4	4	3	-	-	-
	-	7	233.3	WHITE	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	2	1	2	-	-	-	-
	1	42	763.6	BLACK	1	4	2	7	3	4	20	13	3	2	3	-	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TERREBONNE	1168	735	432.1	ALL	7	14	35	65	92	82	288	233	127	54	21	5	-	-
	542	369	315.1	WHITE	2	8	20	38	49	46	161	115	57	22	10	2	-	-
	546	301	743.2	BLACK	4	6	10	20	36	25	97	98	61	28	10	3	-	-
	80	65	520.0	OTHER	1	-	5	7	7	11	30	20	9	4	1	-	-	-
HOUMA*	429	436	462.8	ALL	6	7	23	39	52	47	168	138	75	36	12	1	-	-
	289	190	319.9	WHITE	2	4	11	21	23	23	82	61	29	11	5	-	-	-
	101	213	758.0	BLACK	3	3	9	13	27	20	72	65	43	23	6	1	-	-
	39	33	492.5	OTHER	1	-	3	5	2	4	14	12	3	2	1	-	-	-
UNION	1	116	379.1	ALL	2	2	10	10	8	8	38	45	20	9	1	1	-	-
	-	38	183.6	WHITE	-	1	4	3	5	3	16	12	6	3	1	-	-	-
	1	78	804.1	BLACK	2	1	6	7	3	5	22	33	14	6	-	1	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VERMILION	138	262	369.0	ALL	3	7	15	12	27	35	96	98	47	14	4	-	-	-
	64	161	297.0	WHITE	2	5	11	10	19	23	68	54	25	8	4	-	-	-
	72	97	646.7	BLACK	1	2	3	2	8	12	27	41	22	6	-	-	-	-
	2	4	222.2	OTHER	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ABBEVILLE*	138	108	519.2	ALL	2	3	3	5	7	10	28	46	25	6	1	-	-	-
	64	40	400.0	WHITE	1	1	1	4	3	3	12	15	9	2	1	-	-	-
	72	65	684.2	BLACK	1	2	2	1	4	7	16	28	16	4	-	-	-	-
	2	3	230.8	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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PARISH AND LARGER CITIES	TOTAL BY OCCURRENCE	TOTAL BY RESIDENCE	RATE+	RACE	AGE IN YEARS													
					LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK.
VERNON	40	161	167.4	ALL	2	4	9	11	25	21	70	52	29	5	3	-	-	-
	12	107	146.6	WHITE	1	2	9	6	18	13	48	35	19	2	2	-	-	-
	24	49	262.0	BLACK	-	1	-	5	7	7	20	15	10	3	1	-	-	-
	4	5	111.1	OTHER	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
WASHINGTON	28	309	466.8	ALL	5	4	18	23	41	41	127	118	35	15	9	-	-	-
	4	118	280.3	WHITE	2	1	3	12	16	22	54	40	13	6	3	-	-	-
	24	191	795.8	BLACK	3	3	15	11	25	19	73	78	22	9	6	-	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOGALUSA*	27	121	584.5	ALL	1	1	9	7	12	17	46	47	13	7	7	-	-	-
	4	38	351.9	WHITE	-	-	2	2	5	8	17	12	5	2	2	-	-	-
	23	83	846.9	BLACK	1	1	7	5	7	9	29	35	8	5	5	-	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WEBSTER	357	268	482.9	ALL	3	3	12	26	33	28	102	101	31	16	14	1	-	-
	93	82	263.7	WHITE	-	1	3	9	12	9	34	27	10	4	7	-	-	-
	261	185	767.6	BLACK	3	2	9	17	21	19	68	74	20	12	7	1	-	-
	3	1	333.3	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
MINDEN*	346	123	580.2	ALL	2	-	4	14	12	11	41	51	15	6	7	1	-	-
	92	19	253.3	WHITE	-	-	1	4	3	2	10	7	1	-	1	-	-	-
	251	103	763.0	BLACK	2	-	3	10	9	9	31	44	13	6	6	1	-	-
	3	1	500.0	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
W BATON ROUGE	2	163	473.8	ALL	2	4	11	10	13	22	60	57	26	9	9	-	-	-
	-	53	286.5	WHITE	-	1	5	-	7	6	19	21	8	3	2	-	-	-
	2	109	689.9	BLACK	2	3	6	9	6	16	40	36	18	6	7	-	-	-
	-	1	1000.0	OTHER	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WEST CARROLL	-	44	341.1	ALL	-	-	3	1	5	3	12	24	3	2	2	1	-	-
	-	21	218.8	WHITE	-	-	1	1	3	1	6	11	1	1	1	1	-	-
	-	23	697.0	BLACK	-	-	2	-	2	2	6	13	2	1	1	-	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
W FELICIANA	1	46	422.0	ALL	1	-	3	5	5	4	17	10	5	9	4	-	-	-
	-	5	84.7	WHITE	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
	1	41	820.0	BLACK	1	-	3	5	5	3	16	8	5	7	4	-	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WINN	-	101	437.2	ALL	2	5	9	3	9	15	41	33	14	9	2	-	-	-
	-	26	195.5	WHITE	-	1	-	1	5	2	9	11	4	2	-	-	-	-
	-	75	765.3	BLACK	2	4	9	2	4	13	32	22	10	7	2	-	-	-
	-	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OUT OF STATE**	432	199	-	ALL	-	3	10	16	14	21	64	69	32	19	11	4	-	-
	94	125	-	WHITE	-	1	7	10	10	12	40	40	19	14	9	3	-	-
	337	74	-	BLACK	-	2	3	6	4	9	24	29	13	5	2	1	-	-
	1	-	-	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

+RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS

*CITIES INCLUDED IN PARISH TOTALS

**NOT INCLUDED IN STATE TOTALS

Prenatal care is recognized as an important means of providing medical, nutritional, and educational interventions to reduce the risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes, such as infant mortality and low birthweight, and to identify women at high risk for these outcomes. Beyond the positive effect on birth outcomes, prenatal care is a vital part of women's health care, as many women (particularly adolescents, minorities, and women of low socioeconomic status) first enter the health care system during pregnancy.⁶ In Louisiana, adequacy of prenatal care is measured by a **modified Kessner index**. This index defines prenatal care as adequate if the first prenatal visit occurred in the first trimester of pregnancy, and if the total number of visits was appropriate to the gestational age of the baby at birth. However, because these measures assess neither the quality nor the content of prenatal care, they must be recognized only as estimates of the adequacy of the care.

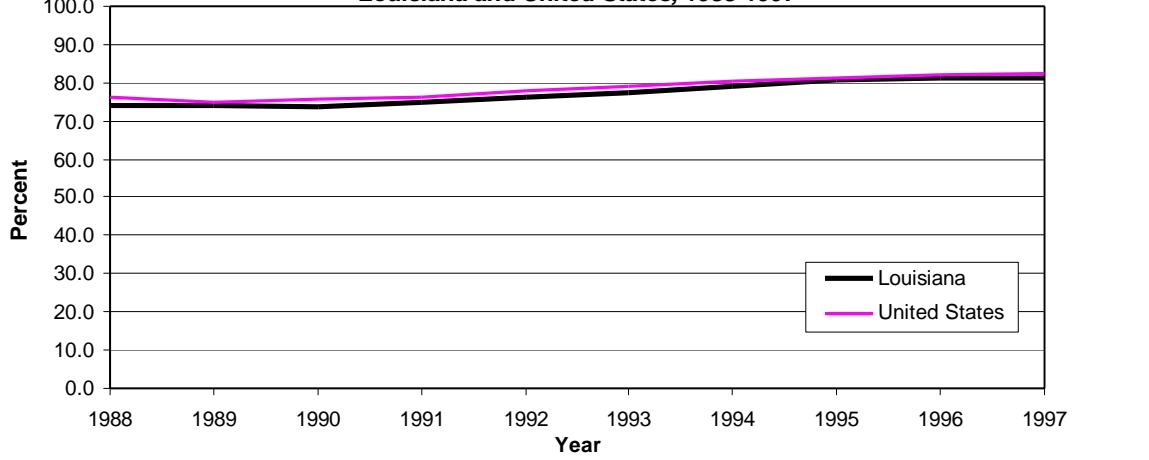
In both Louisiana and the United States, the percentage of live births to mothers entering prenatal care in the first trimester has increased steadily since the early 1990s. In Louisiana, 81.3% of the 65,655 live births with known timing of prenatal care in 1997 received prenatal care in the first trimester.

Table 2.7: Percents of Live Births to Mothers Entering Prenatal Care in the First Trimester of Pregnancy Louisiana and United States, 1988-1997

Year	Louisiana	United States
1988	74.0	76.0
1989	74.2	75.0
1990	73.7	75.8
1991	75.0	76.2
1992	76.3	77.7
1993	77.4	78.9
1994	79.2	80.2
1995	80.7	81.3
1996	81.1	81.9
1997	81.3	82.5

Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics

Figure 2.3: Percents of Live Births to Mothers Entering Prenatal Care in the First Trimester of Pregnancy Louisiana and United States, 1988-1997



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⁶ Fiscella, K. Does prenatal care improve birth outcomes? A critical review. *Obstetrics & Gynecology* 85, 468-79. 1995.

TABLE 2.8: PERCENT OF WOMEN DELIVERING LIVE INFANTS AND HAVING ADEQUATE PRENATAL CARE
BY WOMAN'S AGE, RACE AND RESIDENCE
LOUISIANA, 1997

PARISH AND LARGER CITIES	RACE	ALL WOMEN	AGE IN YEARS													
			LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK
STATE	ALL	75.43	39.38	48.40	54.95	58.09	63.51	65.17	61.09	71.42	82.41	84.82	82.09	79.83	65.79	0.00
	WHITE	84.26	53.85	62.30	63.51	66.67	71.67	74.64	70.59	80.08	88.69	90.45	88.81	85.04	69.57	0.00
	BLACK	63.27	36.95	42.89	50.39	52.02	57.29	57.08	54.19	62.25	70.01	72.45	68.49	73.19	61.54	-
	OTHER	74.39	50.00	60.00	45.00	58.06	45.24	70.59	57.05	74.10	77.67	78.29	78.00	56.52	50.00	-
ACADIA	ALL	59.56	16.67	30.77	19.23	33.33	46.77	42.19	38.16	57.48	69.26	74.26	76.27	54.55	-	-
	WHITE	68.53	0.00	33.33	18.18	43.48	63.16	50.00	48.84	66.67	75.66	79.46	81.63	57.14	-	-
	BLACK	34.90	33.33	25.00	20.00	21.05	20.83	18.75	20.51	34.94	47.27	47.83	44.44	50.00	-	-
	OTHER	66.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	-
CROWLEY*	ALL	51.69	0.00	50.00	33.33	27.78	33.33	28.57	30.88	52.70	54.69	70.45	80.00	0.00	-	-
	WHITE	61.39	-	0.00	50.00	28.57	50.00	38.46	37.04	56.82	62.50	74.29	91.67	-	-	-
	BLACK	37.96	0.00	100.00	30.00	27.27	27.27	12.50	26.83	48.28	41.67	55.56	33.33	0.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALLEN	ALL	67.20	-	100.00	0.00	38.46	61.90	53.57	51.52	66.09	75.29	78.57	75.00	71.43	100.00	-
	WHITE	70.08	-	-	0.00	44.44	73.33	52.63	55.56	68.97	75.00	84.00	75.00	66.67	100.00	-
	BLACK	53.13	-	100.00	0.00	25.00	33.33	50.00	40.00	53.85	71.43	33.33	-	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	-	-
ASCENSION	ALL	83.07	80.00	77.78	53.33	72.41	72.92	64.15	68.18	79.28	88.92	87.88	84.06	90.00	-	-
	WHITE	88.15	100.00	83.33	80.00	92.86	66.67	61.54	70.33	83.59	92.86	92.31	90.57	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	69.02	66.67	40.00	53.33	80.95	71.43	65.08	72.64	71.83	63.89	62.50	50.00	-	-	-
	OTHER	33.33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.33	-	-	-	-	-	-
ASSUMPTION	ALL	82.71	-	100.00	70.00	85.71	61.11	83.33	76.47	86.08	86.05	84.21	82.35	66.67	0.00	-
	WHITE	83.52	-	-	75.00	71.43	60.00	86.67	77.42	86.27	84.75	86.21	90.00	0.00	-	-
	BLACK	81.42	-	100.00	66.67	100.00	61.54	77.78	75.68	85.71	88.89	77.78	71.43	80.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AVOYELLES	ALL	69.74	60.00	33.33	47.06	53.85	50.00	68.29	55.20	65.99	81.29	78.26	80.00	80.00	-	-
	WHITE	79.95	100.00	0.00	62.50	64.71	57.89	79.17	66.67	78.91	87.63	83.67	83.33	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	51.92	50.00	37.50	33.33	33.33	38.46	52.94	41.07	41.18	68.29	63.16	75.00	75.00	-	-
	OTHER	66.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	0.00	100.00	-	-	-	-
BEAUREGARD	ALL	70.76	100.00	66.67	50.00	30.77	62.50	66.67	53.68	66.07	81.98	81.97	90.00	50.00	-	-
	WHITE	76.96	100.00	100.00	71.43	35.29	65.52	73.68	61.64	71.85	85.58	85.45	95.83	66.67	-	-
	BLACK	39.13	-	50.00	0.00	22.22	33.33	40.00	27.27	40.00	40.00	75.00	66.67	0.00	-	-
	OTHER	37.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66.67	0.00	0.00	-	100.00	-	-
DE RIDDER*	ALL	61.40	-	0.00	25.00	30.00	46.15	44.44	37.84	50.00	77.50	90.91	75.00	75.00	-	-
	WHITE	73.83	-	-	100.00	40.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	59.26	84.85	94.44	85.71	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	40.00	-	0.00	0.00	20.00	33.33	40.00	23.53	39.29	60.00	75.00	60.00	0.00	-	-
	OTHER	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	0.00	-	-	100.00	-	-
BIENVILLE	ALL	64.45	-	0.00	50.00	21.43	50.00	66.67	41.51	69.33	76.60	76.00	55.56	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	81.20	-	0.00	100.00	33.33	62.50	85.71	56.00	86.05	90.32	92.86	75.00	-	-	-
	BLACK	44.09	-	0.00	0.00	12.50	37.50	50.00	28.57	46.88	50.00	54.55	50.00	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOSSIER	ALL	76.25	50.00	52.63	47.06	62.50	66.67	56.47	59.66	73.99	83.85	83.13	82.28	50.00	0.00	-
	WHITE	84.21	-	55.56	44.44	79.17	75.61	72.34	71.54	82.26	87.76	91.12	90.00	71.43	0.00	-
	BLACK	55.44	50.00	50.00	40.00	55.17	35.14	44.44	57.36	69.05	54.35	50.00	0.00	-	-	-
	OTHER	84.85	-	-	0.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	91.67	100.00	80.00	-	-	-	-
BOSSIER CITY*	ALL	77.29	0.00	50.00	57.14	65.52	70.73	56.86	61.81	77.90	82.99	83.46	79.59	60.00	0.00	-
	WHITE	84.66	-	57.14	66.67	82.35	79.17	73.33	75.31	84.70	86.03	88.54	91.67	75.00	0.00	-
	BLACK	59.18	0.00	44.44	50.00	41.67	60.00	30.00	43.33	64.84	72.22	63.33	25.00	0.00	-	-
	OTHER	84.00	-	-	-	-	50.00	100.00	66.67	50.00	87.50	100.00	80.00	-	-	-
CADDO	ALL	67.97	24.00	39.22	47.89	51.61	56.06	60.57	54.78	62.84	76.13	79.20	75.71	81.40	0.00	-
	WHITE	85.63	-	77.78	56.25	72.41	76.00	81.58	76.11	78.67	89.34	92.04	91.87	91.30	-	-
	BLACK	54.15	24.00	30.95	45.45	43.48	48.98	50.89	46.73	53.21	60.77	61.64	58.47	70.00	0.00	-
	OTHER	71.43	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	62.50	66.67	66.67	83.33	-	-	-

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PARISH AND LARGER CITIES	RACE	ALL WOMEN	AGE IN YEARS													
			LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK
SHREVEPORT*	ALL	66.33	25.00	37.50	50.85	46.15	55.11	59.53	53.32	61.19	74.14	77.59	75.70	81.25	0.00	-
	WHITE	86.08	-	85.71	100.00	68.75	81.25	79.63	80.00	78.27	88.53	91.44	93.14	93.75	-	-
	BLACK	54.11	25.00	29.27	45.28	40.70	48.95	52.50	46.58	53.36	60.86	61.43	58.49	68.75	0.00	-
	OTHER	70.21	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	62.50	64.29	66.67	83.33	-	-	-
CALCASIEU	ALL	81.58	50.00	54.17	62.86	70.33	70.50	77.13	71.09	78.77	87.32	87.95	85.31	81.82	100.00	-
	WHITE	86.28	0.00	69.23	71.43	72.92	76.32	85.71	78.17	83.33	90.27	91.16	86.15	88.00	-	-
	BLACK	70.98	60.00	36.36	50.00	67.44	63.49	65.43	61.95	69.74	77.36	79.63	83.33	62.50	100.00	-
	OTHER	75.00	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	80.00	75.00	50.00	80.00	-	-	-
LAKE CHARLES*	ALL	77.79	60.00	40.00	51.72	63.04	73.53	69.07	66.00	77.09	83.45	84.78	81.82	80.00	100.00	-
	WHITE	85.66	-	100.00	77.78	62.50	78.95	82.14	78.46	85.71	89.17	87.50	78.57	88.89	-	-
	BLACK	71.60	60.00	33.33	40.00	63.16	71.43	62.69	61.20	71.23	76.61	82.35	87.50	66.67	100.00	-
	OTHER	77.27	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	80.00	77.78	66.67	66.67	-	-	-
SULPHUR*	ALL	84.81	-	75.00	63.64	57.14	62.50	85.00	70.69	83.67	91.40	91.11	86.36	-	-	-
	WHITE	85.57	-	75.00	63.64	57.14	60.00	84.21	69.64	84.62	92.05	95.24	85.71	-	-	-
	BLACK	73.33	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	100.00	71.43	100.00	33.33	-	-	-	
	OTHER	66.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00	-	100.00	-	-	-
CALDWELL	ALL	78.99	0.00	50.00	100.00	100.00	69.23	88.89	78.57	77.36	79.31	89.47	75.00	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	81.31	-	50.00	100.00	100.00	63.64	100.00	80.00	82.05	76.00	92.31	50.00	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	70.00	0.00	-	-	-	100.00	0.00	66.67	64.29	100.00	83.33	100.00	-	-	-
	OTHER	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAMERON	ALL	83.96	-	-	100.00	77.78	75.00	100.00	83.33	82.98	92.31	81.25	66.67	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	85.86	-	-	100.00	77.78	75.00	100.00	83.33	86.36	91.67	84.62	66.67	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.33	-	66.67	-	-	-
	OTHER	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	-
CATAHOULA	ALL	73.33	-	33.33	100.00	50.00	73.33	70.00	66.67	78.57	82.61	64.29	50.00	-	-	-
	WHITE	80.00	-	-	-	66.67	62.50	71.43	66.67	83.33	94.74	72.73	60.00	-	-	-
	BLACK	57.50	-	33.33	100.00	33.33	85.71	66.67	66.67	64.29	25.00	33.33	0.00	-	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLAIBORNE	ALL	60.95	100.00	50.00	0.00	40.00	46.15	50.00	38.10	56.52	78.72	63.16	81.82	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	77.32	-	-	-	50.00	66.67	50.00	57.14	67.86	92.86	77.27	100.00	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	45.95	100.00	50.00	0.00	33.33	28.57	50.00	28.57	46.15	57.89	43.75	71.43	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONCORDIA	ALL	65.73	50.00	50.00	50.00	43.75	69.57	59.26	57.32	67.46	67.21	81.58	44.44	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	84.21	-	100.00	25.00	66.67	90.91	88.89	78.57	87.50	81.25	90.91	66.67	-	-	-
	BLACK	49.10	50.00	40.00	66.67	38.46	50.00	44.44	46.30	46.77	51.85	68.75	0.00	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00	-	-	-	-	-
DESOTO	ALL	68.10	0.00	16.67	16.67	70.00	55.17	60.00	52.11	68.10	77.08	76.19	76.47	50.00	-	-
	WHITE	77.42	-	-	0.00	100.00	81.82	60.00	69.23	69.70	83.33	88.46	100.00	50.00	-	-
	BLACK	57.41	0.00	16.67	25.00	57.14	38.89	60.00	42.22	66.00	66.67	56.25	63.64	50.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E BATON ROUGE	ALL	75.42	27.27	42.37	55.10	53.98	58.62	61.44	57.18	65.75	82.10	87.73	86.99	79.03	50.00	-
	WHITE	90.01	-	46.15	46.67	69.44	83.93	80.65	75.12	83.10	93.15	94.38	93.81	79.17	50.00	-
	BLACK	61.78	27.27	41.30	56.10	50.36	50.29	52.61	51.15	57.20	68.22	75.13	74.44	82.98	50.00	-
	OTHER	73.89	-	-	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	80.00	67.86	68.75	80.77	84.21	40.00	-	-
BATON ROUGE*	ALL	72.99	27.59	44.00	55.06	52.29	56.12	59.26	55.54	63.12	79.57	86.63	85.34	79.25	33.33	-
	WHITE	89.44	-	62.50	36.36	66.67	81.82	79.45	73.97	81.44	92.78	94.14	93.57	79.31	0.00	-
	BLACK	60.76	27.59	40.48	57.69	50.38	50.62	51.28	50.99	55.86	66.78	74.93	72.61	84.09	50.00	-
	OTHER	72.54	-	-	-	0.00	100.00	100.00	75.00	66.67	65.91	81.63	82.35	25.00	-	-
BAKER*	ALL	74.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	100.00	80.00	65.52	71.23	81.82	76.32	83.33	100.00	100.00	-
	WHITE	78.57	-	0.00	-	50.00	100.00	75.00	68.75	72.97	81.48	82.61	100.00	100.00	100.00	-
	BLACK	70.30	0.00	-	0.00	50.00	100.00	100.00	61.54	69.44	81.48	66.67	71.43	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-

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			LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK
EAST CARROLL	ALL	60.28	50.00	66.67	70.00	66.67	16.67	100.00	61.29	64.00	53.13	66.67	60.00	33.33	-	-
	WHITE	70.00	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	-	-	-	81.82	62.50	100.00	66.67	50.00	-
	BLACK	57.66	50.00	66.67	70.00	75.00	20.00	100.00	65.52	58.97	50.00	57.14	50.00	0.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E FELICIANA	ALL	70.82	-	33.33	25.00	58.33	60.87	53.85	52.78	69.07	83.75	81.08	71.43	80.00	-	-
	WHITE	84.08	-	100.00	0.00	100.00	63.64	44.44	55.56	86.00	94.00	90.91	80.00	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	57.53	-	0.00	40.00	44.44	58.33	58.82	51.11	51.06	71.43	66.67	66.67	50.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EVANGELINE	ALL	68.97	40.00	43.75	52.63	59.26	66.67	51.61	56.59	67.58	77.25	73.24	80.95	80.00	-	-
	WHITE	79.84	50.00	80.00	88.89	58.33	88.24	72.22	77.05	72.27	85.48	85.71	92.31	75.00	-	-
	BLACK	49.51	33.33	27.27	20.00	60.00	47.37	23.08	38.24	58.06	53.49	47.62	62.50	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
FRANKLIN	ALL	70.28	100.00	33.33	71.43	66.67	38.89	62.96	56.25	70.80	81.43	80.00	33.33	50.00	-	-
	WHITE	82.58	-	-	100.00	100.00	40.00	68.75	71.43	79.37	91.49	93.33	0.00	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	55.38	100.00	33.33	33.33	50.00	38.46	54.55	44.44	60.00	59.09	66.67	40.00	0.00	-	-
	OTHER	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	-
GRANT	ALL	79.46	-	0.00	57.14	60.00	92.86	76.92	75.47	77.53	83.64	81.58	80.95	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	83.26	-	0.00	50.00	75.00	100.00	86.36	82.61	80.77	89.36	83.33	78.95	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	53.33	-	-	100.00	0.00	0.00	33.33	33.33	54.55	50.00	50.00	100.00	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IBERIA	ALL	61.06	0.00	31.25	36.00	33.33	43.59	42.47	39.51	56.78	76.35	72.49	65.82	77.78	-	-
	WHITE	74.59	0.00	40.00	61.54	35.29	57.89	53.33	52.43	68.32	88.08	82.50	75.47	80.00	-	-
	BLACK	44.01	0.00	30.00	8.33	33.33	28.21	36.59	30.30	44.13	55.00	56.72	39.13	75.00	-	-
	OTHER	42.31	-	0.00	-	25.00	100.00	0.00	25.00	50.00	33.33	0.00	100.00	-	-	-
NEW IBERIA*	ALL	56.06	0.00	27.27	30.77	42.42	51.35	38.64	41.30	54.09	71.52	62.03	51.35	80.00	-	-
	WHITE	67.21	0.00	33.33	60.00	44.44	68.42	41.18	52.83	58.42	86.08	71.11	65.22	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	45.83	0.00	28.57	12.50	40.91	29.41	40.00	34.18	50.45	56.52	50.00	23.08	50.00	-	-
	OTHER	44.44	-	0.00	-	50.00	100.00	0.00	33.33	50.00	33.33	-	100.00	-	-	-
IBERVILLE	ALL	78.13	20.00	25.00	66.67	71.43	61.90	64.29	63.01	76.52	85.25	88.61	74.07	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	93.91	-	-	-	80.00	100.00	80.00	86.96	90.74	93.85	100.00	100.00	-	-	-
	BLACK	65.29	20.00	25.00	66.67	66.67	38.46	55.56	52.00	66.67	75.44	73.53	58.82	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JACKSON	ALL	57.77	100.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	14.29	63.64	36.67	48.05	66.67	78.95	66.67	-	-	-
	WHITE	68.15	-	-	0.00	50.00	20.00	75.00	42.86	60.78	77.14	82.14	71.43	-	-	-
	BLACK	37.14	100.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	57.14	31.25	23.08	40.00	70.00	50.00	-	-	-
	OTHER	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	-
JEFFERSON	ALL	83.56	26.32	55.77	65.00	68.65	78.26	73.33	71.68	78.34	87.58	90.44	89.80	87.10	100.00	-
	WHITE	89.38	20.00	85.71	75.47	76.40	84.68	78.49	79.65	85.02	91.58	92.62	94.59	94.12	100.00	-
	BLACK	72.34	25.00	44.44	55.38	60.92	74.59	68.18	64.71	70.13	78.09	82.66	76.11	66.67	100.00	-
	OTHER	80.06	50.00	50.00	100.00	66.67	28.57	54.55	54.84	80.30	80.00	88.04	83.33	71.43	-	-
KENNER*	ALL	84.13	25.00	60.00	76.19	69.57	83.33	66.00	72.60	77.39	89.69	90.83	88.76	93.75	100.00	-
	WHITE	89.41	0.00	100.00	81.82	84.62	78.57	71.43	78.26	84.21	93.07	91.98	95.24	100.00	100.00	-
	BLACK	73.97	0.00	33.33	70.00	50.00	85.19	61.90	68.06	70.94	81.97	82.50	73.68	75.00	100.00	-
	OTHER	81.43	100.00	100.00	-	50.00	100.00	0.00	60.00	63.64	82.14	100.00	71.43	100.00	-	-
GRETNA*	ALL	81.00	100.00	28.57	50.00	72.73	83.33	87.50	76.14	72.73	85.71	93.90	81.48	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	86.96	-	66.67	60.00	100.00	85.00	85.71	82.69	81.63	86.79	94.55	89.47	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	73.66	100.00	0.00	33.33	71.43	88.89	88.89	70.97	67.06	82.93	90.00	57.14	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	80.77	-	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	100.00	40.00	77.78	100.00	100.00	100.00	-	-	-
HARAHAN*	ALL	96.72	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	90.24	100.00	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	96.67	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	90.00	100.00	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	100.00	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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			LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK
WESTWEGO*	ALL	78.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	69.23	100.00	80.00	75.00	80.77	79.55	66.67	100.00	66.67	-	-
	WHITE	82.35	-	50.00	50.00	77.78	100.00	83.33	76.92	84.44	85.71	66.67	100.00	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	69.74	0.00	-	50.00	50.00	100.00	77.78	72.22	75.76	61.54	57.14	100.00	50.00	-	-
	OTHER	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	-
JEFF DAVIS	ALL	62.60	50.00	100.00	36.36	38.71	42.42	67.74	49.54	57.05	68.03	74.36	78.79	87.50	-	-
	WHITE	68.35	-	100.00	50.00	52.94	46.43	70.37	57.14	62.18	72.82	77.05	85.71	85.71	-	-
	BLACK	40.95	50.00	100.00	28.57	23.08	20.00	50.00	32.26	38.89	26.67	68.75	50.00	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	62.50	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	-
JENNINGS*	ALL	59.02	0.00	100.00	60.00	33.33	46.15	77.78	51.06	50.00	67.44	76.67	80.00	50.00	-	-
	WHITE	66.91	-	100.00	100.00	37.50	50.00	71.43	55.56	58.33	75.00	83.33	88.89	0.00	-	-
	BLACK	42.19	0.00	100.00	50.00	33.33	33.33	100.00	47.37	30.43	28.57	66.67	0.00	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	50.00	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
LAFAYETTE	ALL	80.29	72.73	44.44	48.72	62.03	55.56	65.99	59.59	73.99	87.95	89.20	86.29	81.08	50.00	-
	WHITE	86.57	100.00	60.00	33.33	69.23	64.91	76.00	68.09	80.67	91.68	92.51	89.60	76.92	50.00	-
	BLACK	66.35	57.14	38.46	57.69	55.00	45.83	55.56	52.26	63.54	76.40	76.74	73.68	90.91	-	-
	OTHER	75.00	-	-	0.00	-	33.33	-	25.00	75.00	76.92	93.33	62.50	-	-	-
LAFAYETTE*	ALL	78.73	71.43	45.45	39.29	61.82	52.70	65.69	57.78	72.98	85.59	89.47	86.54	87.50	50.00	-
	WHITE	87.29	100.00	100.00	33.33	63.64	65.52	79.55	68.57	82.89	90.00	94.51	91.20	81.25	50.00	-
	BLACK	65.82	60.00	40.00	42.11	60.61	45.45	55.17	51.22	63.44	78.00	74.47	68.00	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	76.47	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	50.00	72.73	100.00	66.67	-	-	-	-
LAFOURCHE	ALL	78.20	66.67	83.33	60.71	65.91	67.19	75.41	68.97	74.77	82.98	85.22	81.40	50.00	-	-
	WHITE	79.38	0.00	0.00	69.23	58.06	68.75	76.74	68.38	75.92	83.58	86.98	82.09	40.00	-	-
	BLACK	74.32	100.00	100.00	53.85	84.62	66.67	80.00	74.14	71.23	78.05	75.86	75.00	66.67	-	-
	OTHER	73.91	-	-	50.00	-	50.00	33.33	44.44	73.33	85.71	80.00	100.00	-	-	-
THIBODAUX*	ALL	79.71	100.00	100.00	63.64	75.00	53.85	100.00	73.58	76.74	83.82	86.00	76.47	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	78.32	-	-	100.00	57.14	50.00	100.00	63.16	69.44	83.33	88.89	80.00	-	-	-
	BLACK	81.40	100.00	100.00	55.56	88.89	60.00	100.00	78.79	82.00	84.00	83.33	71.43	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	75.00	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00	50.00	-	-	-	-
LASALLE	ALL	71.12	-	0.00	62.50	57.14	42.86	83.33	62.86	71.64	75.47	69.57	75.00	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	76.97	-	83.33	60.00	50.00	90.91	75.00	76.27	78.43	76.19	83.33	-	-	-	-
	BLACK	27.27	-	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	14.29	37.50	0.00	0.00	50.00	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LINCOLN	ALL	49.15	33.33	66.67	12.50	19.05	33.33	20.00	24.51	40.57	59.71	80.00	56.00	55.56	100.00	-
	WHITE	63.78	-	-	50.00	14.29	35.71	37.50	32.26	50.68	73.68	87.23	61.90	80.00	100.00	-
	BLACK	36.03	33.33	66.67	0.00	21.43	31.25	15.63	21.13	33.66	42.86	70.37	25.00	33.33	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RUSTON*	ALL	47.13	50.00	50.00	16.67	26.67	33.33	10.53	22.22	39.33	56.92	80.56	60.00	60.00	-	-
	WHITE	71.58	-	100.00	33.33	33.33	-	-	42.86	53.57	76.67	95.00	75.00	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	33.74	50.00	50.00	0.00	25.00	33.33	10.53	19.15	33.33	40.00	66.67	0.00	50.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LIVINGSTON	ALL	85.17	100.00	58.33	69.23	66.67	68.18	87.32	73.73	84.44	90.09	88.60	88.06	76.92	0.00	-
	WHITE	86.62	100.00	63.64	66.67	69.23	67.80	90.63	75.13	86.72	91.11	89.56	88.33	72.73	0.00	-
	BLACK	65.56	-	0.00	100.00	33.33	83.33	57.14	63.16	61.11	64.71	66.67	85.71	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	85.71	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	100.00	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	-	-
MADISON	ALL	55.45	75.00	0.00	55.56	55.56	58.82	30.00	48.94	50.56	66.67	56.52	70.00	50.00	-	-
	WHITE	83.33	-	-	100.00	100.00	80.00	100.00	87.50	76.19	84.62	85.71	100.00	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	46.39	75.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	22.22	41.03	42.65	59.38	43.75	50.00	0.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TALLULAH*	ALL	54.65	100.00	0.00	57.14	57.14	54.55	30.00	45.95	50.72	66.67	52.94	62.50	-	-	-
	WHITE	85.19	-	-	57.14	57.14	54.55	22.22	44.44	46.55	58.62	46.67	40.00	-	-	-
	BLACK	48.97	100.00	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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PARISH AND LARGER CITIES	RACE	ALL WOMEN	AGE IN YEARS													
			LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK
MOREHOUSE	ALL	49.80	0.00	33.33	35.00	29.41	29.41	26.32	29.63	47.46	64.35	73.33	76.47	50.00	-	-
	WHITE	64.84	-	100.00	28.57	45.45	20.00	41.67	36.59	58.67	80.00	83.33	77.78	-	-	-
	BLACK	37.73	0.00	25.00	38.46	21.74	33.33	19.23	26.60	39.22	40.00	61.90	75.00	50.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BASTROP*	ALL	43.55	0.00	28.57	35.71	30.43	25.00	22.73	27.78	44.76	52.46	73.68	70.00	0.00	-	-
	WHITE	60.92	-	-	50.00	50.00	20.00	50.00	41.18	54.84	75.86	80.00	60.00	-	-	-
	BLACK	36.00	0.00	28.57	30.00	26.32	26.32	16.67	24.66	40.54	31.25	71.43	80.00	0.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NATCHITOCHES	ALL	69.02	0.00	33.33	52.94	48.15	75.00	50.00	55.83	67.65	76.22	81.82	66.67	80.00	-	-
	WHITE	81.67	0.00	-	80.00	60.00	72.73	47.06	60.47	82.35	86.81	95.65	71.43	66.67	-	-
	BLACK	55.27	0.00	33.33	45.45	41.18	75.00	52.38	53.33	52.48	58.00	60.00	62.50	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	66.67	-	-	0.00	-	100.00	-	50.00	100.00	50.00	100.00	-	-	-	-
NATCHITOCHES*	ALL	66.01	0.00	40.00	45.45	53.85	85.71	42.86	54.69	63.11	74.03	76.74	62.50	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	85.44	-	-	100.00	50.00	100.00	25.00	50.00	82.76	91.89	95.00	83.33	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	56.50	0.00	40.00	44.44	55.56	84.62	47.06	56.60	54.79	58.97	60.87	50.00	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	33.33	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	100.00	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
ORLEANS	ALL	74.65	43.48	47.13	56.42	60.13	64.93	65.93	62.25	71.63	81.45	83.02	80.59	84.46	88.89	-
	WHITE	89.26	100.00	50.00	80.00	80.00	67.86	76.92	73.24	81.86	90.35	93.45	90.95	91.23	100.00	-
	BLACK	71.02	42.22	47.06	55.23	59.46	64.55	65.10	61.51	70.61	77.94	78.04	74.15	80.23	75.00	-
	OTHER	81.40	-	-	100.00	-	80.00	100.00	90.00	70.59	88.89	79.71	75.00	80.00	100.00	-
OUACHITA	ALL	77.07	40.00	66.67	63.64	61.11	72.17	65.89	66.67	74.68	84.06	83.69	78.36	67.74	-	-
	WHITE	87.43	-	83.33	54.55	65.52	84.21	69.57	72.31	84.57	91.92	92.17	88.89	83.33	-	-
	BLACK	64.80	40.00	60.00	66.67	58.14	66.23	63.86	63.75	66.31	68.02	64.71	54.76	57.89	-	-
	OTHER	91.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	-	-	-
MONROE*	ALL	70.27	38.46	64.29	67.65	53.85	65.33	67.44	64.52	70.08	76.61	74.32	69.84	57.89	-	-
	WHITE	87.55	-	100.00	100.00	66.67	75.00	83.33	81.48	85.71	90.36	87.93	90.00	75.00	-	-
	BLACK	64.54	38.46	61.54	64.52	52.78	64.18	64.86	62.44	66.98	69.14	63.53	50.00	53.33	-	-
	OTHER	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	100.00	-	-	-
WEST MONROE*	ALL	73.09	0.00	60.00	50.00	66.67	78.57	65.00	67.21	70.08	82.35	78.13	70.59	50.00	-	-
	WHITE	78.80	-	66.67	50.00	57.14	77.78	66.67	64.44	76.60	90.41	82.61	76.92	50.00	-	-
	BLACK	54.67	0.00	50.00	-	100.00	80.00	60.00	75.00	53.13	33.33	62.50	50.00	50.00	-	-
	OTHER	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	100.00	-	-	-	-
PLAQUEMINES	ALL	74.76	100.00	33.33	50.00	35.71	70.83	75.00	59.26	70.15	81.25	98.25	75.86	33.33	-	-
	WHITE	81.92	-	33.33	100.00	28.57	87.50	83.33	73.81	74.39	87.06	97.67	76.47	50.00	-	-
	BLACK	63.49	100.00	33.33	16.67	42.86	50.00	66.67	45.95	67.44	65.00	100.00	77.78	25.00	-	-
	OTHER	52.17	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	44.44	57.14	100.00	66.67	-	-	-	-
POINTE COUPEE	ALL	75.93	33.33	50.00	42.86	50.00	60.00	60.00	55.88	73.47	87.14	88.46	84.38	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	86.62	-	100.00	50.00	50.00	71.43	75.00	65.00	82.93	88.89	97.22	92.86	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	65.87	33.33	40.00	40.00	50.00	53.85	57.14	52.08	66.67	84.00	68.75	77.78	-	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RAPIDES	ALL	74.47	28.57	41.38	60.00	53.41	68.57	62.93	60.32	72.50	82.14	84.56	75.93	81.82	-	-
	WHITE	83.08	100.00	66.67	73.33	55.88	73.08	69.09	67.88	78.69	87.65	92.86	87.32	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	61.85	16.67	26.32	52.00	52.83	64.15	56.67	54.29	64.80	70.07	65.48	52.94	33.33	-	-
	OTHER	76.19	-	100.00	-	0.00	-	100.00	66.67	80.00	80.00	66.67	-	-	-	-
ALEXANDRIA*	ALL	67.29	16.67	21.05	50.00	56.52	61.54	59.32	54.55	67.08	75.14	76.03	73.81	83.33	-	-
	WHITE	82.48	-	0.00	100.00	66.67	66.67	58.33	62.16	76.00	89.86	88.68	90.48	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	60.55	16.67	18.75	45.00	54.05	60.00	58.70	52.20	64.17	66.37	65.63	57.89	50.00	-	-
	OTHER	78.57	-	100.00	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	66.67	75.00	50.00	-	-	-	-
PINEVILLE*	ALL	76.57	-	75.00	62.50	53.85	66.67	50.00	58.33	70.65	94.20	90.24	71.43	66.67	-	-
	WHITE	80.38	-	100.00	57.14	71.43	60.00	57.14	61.54	75.00	94.23	91.18	78.57	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	66.22	-	66.67	100.00	40.00	80.00	33.33	55.00	58.33	93.75	85.71	50.00	0.00	-	-
	OTHER	66.67	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00	-	-	-	-

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			LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK
RED RIVER	ALL	64.66	66.67	100.00	0.00	28.57	71.43	40.00	54.17	59.57	68.57	87.50	66.67	50.00	-	-
	WHITE	88.06	-	100.00	-	66.67	100.00	50.00	77.78	83.33	88.89	100.00	100.00	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	40.63	66.67	100.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	33.33	40.00	36.36	47.06	33.33	33.33	0.00	-	-
	OTHER	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	100.00	-	-	-	-
RICHLAND	ALL	72.81	33.33	50.00	62.50	46.15	73.68	63.16	61.33	77.06	77.03	82.50	58.82	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	81.48	-	-	66.67	16.67	75.00	83.33	60.87	83.64	87.23	81.48	88.89	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	63.69	33.33	50.00	61.54	71.43	72.73	53.85	61.54	70.37	59.26	83.33	25.00	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-
SABINE	ALL	73.11	-	100.00	75.00	66.67	75.00	57.14	66.67	68.10	76.19	84.62	84.62	66.67	-	-
	WHITE	79.31	-	100.00	80.00	75.00	76.92	65.00	72.34	75.90	82.46	89.47	85.71	-	-	-
	BLACK	55.29	-	100.00	100.00	0.00	66.67	28.57	46.15	45.16	58.33	60.00	100.00	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	78.57	-	-	50.00	-	-	100.00	66.67	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	-	-
ST BERNARD	ALL	89.87	-	60.00	70.59	85.71	88.64	85.00	83.33	85.47	95.28	90.96	94.67	77.78	-	-
	WHITE	92.09	-	60.00	81.82	83.33	89.74	88.89	86.41	89.27	96.04	92.45	97.10	75.00	-	-
	BLACK	71.23	-	-	50.00	100.00	80.00	50.00	64.71	52.17	94.12	90.91	50.00	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	76.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83.33	80.00	57.14	100.00	-	-	-
ST CHARLES	ALL	82.60	100.00	25.00	85.71	76.19	72.41	75.00	74.07	75.00	87.43	87.73	87.67	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	87.60	100.00	100.00	66.67	90.91	84.62	85.71	84.62	82.22	87.76	89.55	92.98	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	71.56	-	0.00	100.00	60.00	62.50	63.16	64.29	66.23	86.05	78.57	71.43	-	-	-
	OTHER	80.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	50.00	-	-	-	-
ST HELENA	ALL	86.87	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	80.00	90.00	86.49	86.96	85.71	100.00	-	-	-
	WHITE	89.36	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	66.67	87.50	83.33	100.00	83.33	100.00	-	-	-
	BLACK	84.62	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	85.71	91.67	89.47	70.00	87.50	100.00	-	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ST JAMES	ALL	63.33	50.00	50.00	75.00	42.86	46.15	46.67	48.78	57.14	63.74	76.79	72.73	-	-	-
	WHITE	73.28	-	-	-	100.00	50.00	50.00	60.00	65.38	74.00	78.79	76.47	-	-	-
	BLACK	55.62	50.00	50.00	75.00	33.33	45.45	46.15	47.22	52.94	51.22	73.91	68.75	-	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ST JOHN	ALL	65.11	0.00	44.44	43.75	50.00	27.27	51.11	42.98	63.93	72.02	73.19	78.72	100.00	50.00	-
	WHITE	77.99	-	100.00	100.00	60.00	38.46	78.57	63.89	80.00	76.34	84.34	75.76	100.00	100.00	-
	BLACK	53.94	0.00	37.50	30.77	46.15	20.00	38.71	34.12	53.98	67.57	59.62	85.71	100.00	0.00	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ST LANDRY	ALL	63.58	0.00	25.00	30.00	49.21	36.36	59.14	45.59	59.02	74.84	77.11	70.65	77.78	-	-
	WHITE	76.52	0.00	20.00	30.00	57.14	57.14	64.10	55.34	71.58	85.16	85.71	84.48	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	50.76	0.00	26.67	30.00	42.86	27.27	54.72	39.52	48.40	61.48	64.63	47.06	66.67	-	-
	OTHER	25.00	-	-	-	0.00	100.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
OPELOUSAS*	ALL	49.74	0.00	25.00	12.50	52.17	29.63	52.17	38.71	43.38	63.51	65.22	56.00	70.00	-	-
	WHITE	73.49	0.00	0.00	-	66.67	0.00	40.00	40.00	66.67	94.44	80.00	81.82	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	43.56	0.00	27.27	12.50	50.00	32.00	55.56	39.02	37.96	53.57	58.06	35.71	66.67	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EUNICE*	ALL	61.47	0.00	0.00	37.50	57.14	53.33	46.67	48.15	53.66	70.83	78.57	87.50	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	68.53	0.00	0.00	20.00	57.14	63.64	66.67	53.33	63.46	81.25	80.00	81.82	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	50.00	-	0.00	66.67	57.14	25.00	33.33	41.67	36.67	50.00	76.92	100.00	-	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ST MARTIN	ALL	73.22	50.00	45.45	61.90	53.85	69.77	64.29	62.24	71.56	78.11	81.16	75.76	63.64	100.00	-
	WHITE	81.13	50.00	50.00	75.00	81.82	70.00	71.88	83.62	80.91	90.36	72.50	75.00	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	62.46	50.00	42.86	66.67	35.71	60.00	59.09	55.13	56.67	71.43	67.27	80.00	33.33	-	-
	OTHER	70.00	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	60.00	100.00	-	100.00	-	-	-	-
ST MARY	ALL	75.74	0.00	80.00	47.37	63.04	79.66	64.06	67.36	75.60	83.73	79.53	70.45	72.73	-	0.00
	WHITE	84.34	-	100.00	85.71	72.00	82.76	75.00	78.13	83.55	91.54	85.06	76.00	85.71	-	0.00
	BLACK	63.99	0.00	50.00	25.00	52.38	76.67	53.33	56.84	66.15	70.27	68.42	61.11	50.00	-	-
	OTHER	73.68	-	-	-	-	50.00	50.00	77.78	80.00	50.00	100.00	-	-	-	-

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PARISH AND LARGER CITIES	RACE	ALL WOMEN	AGE IN YEARS													
			LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK
MORGAN CITY*	ALL	81.63	0.00	100.00	0.00	62.50	100.00	75.00	74.47	81.55	84.93	85.00	86.67	75.00	-	-
	WHITE	85.64	-	100.00	0.00	66.67	100.00	80.00	75.00	88.24	87.50	90.32	77.78	75.00	-	-
	BLACK	73.56	0.00	-	0.00	50.00	100.00	66.67	73.68	67.74	78.26	75.00	100.00	-	-	-
	OTHER	75.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	-	-	-
ST TAMMANY	ALL	85.78	50.00	66.67	55.88	70.77	68.63	78.72	70.65	78.60	90.46	91.03	90.25	96.43	100.00	-
	WHITE	88.52	-	75.00	57.14	78.05	77.03	83.58	77.25	82.00	92.15	91.52	90.94	96.08	100.00	-
	BLACK	69.97	50.00	57.14	53.85	60.87	46.43	65.38	56.70	65.42	77.22	91.18	82.76	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	77.78	-	-	-	0.00	-	100.00	50.00	85.71	100.00	69.23	100.00	-	-	-
SLIDELL*	ALL	78.01	-	66.67	40.00	60.00	67.74	80.00	65.82	65.00	89.66	83.87	86.79	91.67	-	-
	WHITE	81.94	-	100.00	100.00	62.50	79.17	80.00	75.00	68.13	92.45	83.95	88.37	88.89	-	-
	BLACK	60.49	-	50.00	25.00	62.50	28.57	80.00	50.00	55.56	50.00	87.50	77.78	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	70.00	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	50.00	100.00	75.00	100.00	-	-	-
TANGIPAHOA	ALL	87.50	75.00	84.00	75.51	80.90	80.36	86.40	82.00	87.85	91.47	88.79	90.91	100.00	100.00	0.00
	WHITE	90.12	100.00	80.00	81.25	85.71	78.26	89.29	84.24	90.34	93.46	89.22	92.98	100.00	-	0.00
	BLACK	83.90	66.67	85.00	72.73	76.60	81.25	84.06	80.26	85.19	86.61	88.68	85.00	100.00	100.00	-
	OTHER	80.00	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00	50.00	100.00	66.67	-	-	-	-
HAMMOND*	ALL	84.89	66.67	75.00	81.25	88.89	64.00	83.33	78.49	88.18	90.00	86.67	76.92	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	87.10	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	50.00	88.89	86.96	90.48	87.50	83.33	71.43	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	83.61	50.00	75.00	76.92	81.82	66.67	80.95	75.71	88.06	92.31	90.91	83.33	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	75.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	-
TENSAS	ALL	60.71	0.00	50.00	50.00	14.29	57.14	40.00	40.74	73.08	71.43	85.71	42.86	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	93.33	-	-	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	87.50	75.00	100.00	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	42.59	0.00	50.00	33.33	14.29	25.00	25.00	27.27	53.33	50.00	100.00	33.33	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TERREBONNE	ALL	73.40	57.14	35.71	54.35	65.00	59.82	62.73	60.22	74.95	78.64	78.34	80.36	60.00	0.00	-
	WHITE	74.26	0.00	37.50	51.85	62.00	55.56	52.86	55.05	73.08	81.62	82.16	83.75	62.50	-	-
	BLACK	74.62	75.00	33.33	81.82	68.18	74.36	79.17	72.55	77.97	76.04	68.09	74.07	75.00	-	-
	OTHER	61.60	100.00	-	25.00	75.00	30.00	81.25	57.14	81.82	47.83	58.82	60.00	33.33	0.00	-
HOUMA*	ALL	73.25	50.00	42.86	56.67	69.39	60.00	64.41	62.38	75.86	78.48	74.83	80.65	50.00	-	-
	WHITE	73.30	0.00	50.00	53.33	65.52	59.38	50.00	57.14	70.44	82.32	78.85	83.33	60.00	-	-
	BLACK	74.64	66.67	33.33	80.00	71.43	65.52	78.95	70.67	84.15	72.58	65.71	76.47	50.00	-	-
	OTHER	67.16	100.00	-	20.00	83.33	25.00	87.50	60.87	85.00	54.55	62.50	66.67	0.00	-	-
UNION	ALL	66.67	100.00	66.67	54.55	53.33	50.00	33.33	49.12	65.77	71.62	79.55	80.00	50.00	-	-
	WHITE	74.15	-	100.00	40.00	44.44	46.15	57.14	50.00	80.28	78.95	81.25	75.00	0.00	-	-
	BLACK	50.54	100.00	0.00	66.67	66.67	66.67	0.00	47.62	40.00	43.75	81.82	100.00	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	0.00	-	-	-	-
VERMILION	ALL	83.97	66.67	50.00	80.00	78.57	87.10	80.43	79.82	81.04	88.10	84.55	88.37	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	88.10	100.00	66.67	100.00	83.33	90.91	88.24	88.22	90.59	90.72	88.24	100.00	-	-	-
	BLACK	69.80	0.00	0.00	33.33	50.00	77.78	58.33	57.14	73.58	73.53	66.67	88.89	-	-	-
	OTHER	77.78	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	88.89	100.00	0.00	-	-	-	-
ABBEVILLE*	ALL	81.73	50.00	33.33	66.67	100.00	87.50	85.71	81.82	81.82	88.89	70.37	78.57	100.00	-	-
	WHITE	89.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	66.67	100.00	93.75	85.29	96.77	80.00	71.43	100.00	-	-
	BLACK	73.68	0.00	0.00	50.00	100.00	100.00	71.43	70.59	77.14	73.68	68.75	85.71	-	-	-
	OTHER	84.62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87.50	100.00	0.00	-	-	-	-
VERNON	ALL	77.68	0.00	60.00	53.85	40.00	66.67	72.29	65.06	80.21	82.24	80.37	74.29	50.00	-	-
	WHITE	78.56	0.00	33.33	53.85	42.86	66.67	72.88	64.80	81.18	81.95	85.00	73.91	50.00	-	-
	BLACK	74.18	-	100.00	-	20.00	66.67	72.73	64.86	75.00	81.82	65.00	88.89	-	-	-
	OTHER	77.78	0.00	100.00	-	100.00	-	50.00	75.00	85.00	90.00	71.43	33.33	-	-	-
WASHINGTON	ALL	74.05	80.00	25.00	50.00	60.00	60.38	65.52	60.00	73.98	83.58	89.39	72.22	85.71	-	-
	WHITE	81.43	100.00	0.00	60.00	73.68	67.86	73.68	70.33	80.92	86.87	87.50	90.91	83.33	-	-
	BLACK	61.34	66.67	33.33	46.67	36.36	52.00	50.00	47.30	62.77	76.47	94.44	42.86	100.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 2.8: PERCENT OF WOMEN DELIVERING LIVE INFANTS AND HAVING ADEQUATE PRENATAL CARE
BY WOMAN'S AGE, RACE AND RESIDENCE
LOUISIANA, 1997

PARISH AND LARGER CITIES	RACE	ALL WOMEN	AGE IN YEARS														
			LT 15	15	16	17	18	19	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	UNK	
BOGALUSA*	ALL	64.22	100.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	70.59	71.43	53.45	64.20	78.79	76.47	50.00	100.00	-	-	
	WHITE	74.77	-	-	33.33	0.00	60.00	83.33	58.62	79.49	86.96	66.67	80.00	100.00	-	-	
	BLACK	53.13	100.00	0.00	42.86	0.00	85.71	55.56	48.28	50.00	66.67	87.50	28.57	-	-	-	
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WEBSTER	ALL	68.93	0.00	66.67	40.00	60.61	61.11	62.16	58.87	66.31	78.46	82.54	63.64	75.00	-	-	
	WHITE	83.39	-	100.00	66.67	70.59	75.00	93.75	78.57	79.61	86.81	94.44	84.21	50.00	-	-	
	BLACK	49.57	0.00	50.00	22.22	50.00	50.00	38.10	42.65	50.00	57.89	65.38	30.77	100.00	-	-	
	OTHER	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	
MINDEN*	ALL	61.17	0.00	-	50.00	69.23	25.00	56.25	51.11	54.55	73.17	84.00	61.54	66.67	-	-	
	WHITE	79.17	-	-	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	76.92	64.00	94.44	88.89	100.00	50.00	-	-	
	BLACK	50.76	0.00	-	33.33	55.56	33.33	36.36	40.63	50.00	54.55	81.25	28.57	100.00	-	-	
	OTHER	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00	-	-	-	
W BATON ROUGE	ALL	78.59	50.00	100.00	54.55	54.55	71.43	59.26	62.69	76.53	85.11	94.44	71.43	80.00	-	-	
	WHITE	89.07	-	100.00	60.00	100.00	75.00	63.64	69.23	88.46	92.98	97.14	100.00	75.00	-	-	
	BLACK	66.24	50.00	100.00	50.00	44.44	66.67	56.25	57.50	63.04	72.97	89.47	50.00	100.00	-	-	
	OTHER	100.00	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WEST CARROLL	ALL	58.59	-	-	40.00	50.00	37.50	27.27	34.62	52.83	72.00	93.75	71.43	0.00	-	-	
	WHITE	65.63	-	-	66.67	50.00	16.67	33.33	35.00	61.54	80.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	-	-	
	BLACK	37.50	-	-	0.00	-	100.00	0.00	33.33	28.57	40.00	75.00	33.33	-	-	-	
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
W FELICIANA	ALL	71.30	0.00	-	100.00	20.00	50.00	60.00	52.94	72.73	82.86	69.57	77.78	-	0.00	-	
	WHITE	83.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	76.92	87.50	85.71	80.00	-	0.00	
	BLACK	57.14	0.00	-	100.00	20.00	50.00	33.33	46.67	66.67	72.73	44.44	75.00	-	-	-	
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WINN	ALL	57.40	0.00	20.00	30.00	50.00	46.67	52.17	44.07	66.67	58.18	67.86	50.00	100.00	0.00	-	
	WHITE	68.70	-	0.00	0.00	75.00	45.45	50.00	48.15	78.57	72.97	73.68	40.00	100.00	-	-	
	BLACK	41.30	0.00	25.00	33.33	0.00	50.00	53.85	40.63	48.15	27.78	55.56	66.67	-	0.00	-	-
	OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

*CITIES INCLUDED IN PARISH TOTALS

WOMEN WITH MULTIPLE BIRTHS COUNTED ONCE.

65016 WOMEN HAD 1 OR MORE LIVE BIRTHS IN 1997.

ADEQUATE PRENATAL CARE DEFINED (MODIFIED KESSNER INDEX) AS

1. CARE MUST BEGIN IN FIRST TRIMESTER,

2. REQUIRED PRENATAL VISITS VARY WITH GESTATION AGE.

GESTATION AGE: 17 WEEKS MUST HAVE 2 OR MORE PRENATAL VISITS,

18-21 WEEKS - 3 OR MORE VISITS, 22-25 WEEKS - 4 OR MORE VISITS,

26-29 WEEKS - 5 OR MORE VISITS, 30-31 WEEKS - 6 OR MORE VISITS,

32-33 WEEKS - 7 OR MORE VISITS, 34-35 WEEKS - 8 OR MORE VISITS,

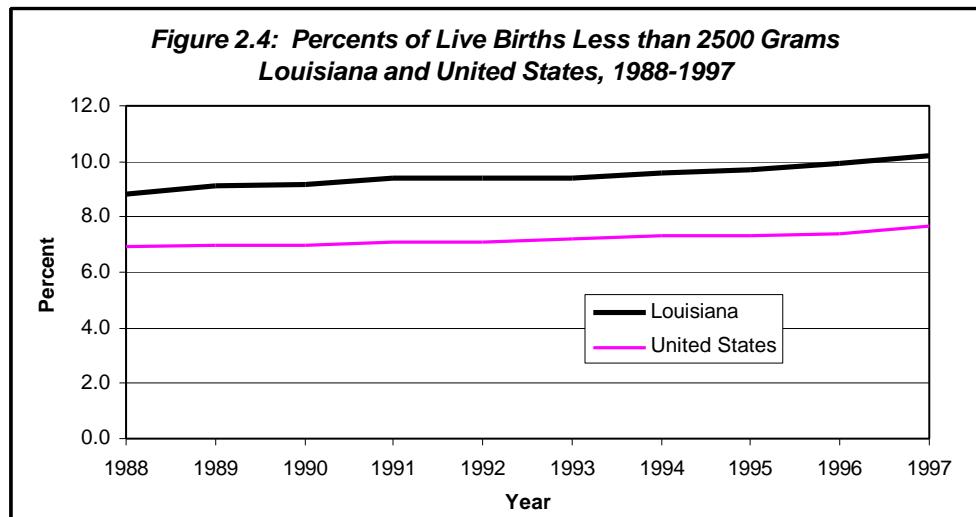
36 WEEKS OR OVER - 9 OR MORE VISITS.

A **low birthweight** infant is defined as an infant weighing less than 2500 grams (5 pounds, 8 ounces) at birth. Low birthweight is a major factor in infant mortality, with more than three-quarters of infant deaths caused by babies being born too small or too early.⁷ Low birthweight has been linked to several preventable factors, including lack of prenatal care, maternal smoking, use of alcohol and other drugs, and pregnancy before the age of 18 years. Other risk factors for low birthweight include low socioeconomic level, low maternal weight gain, low pregnancy weight, first births, female sex, short maternal stature, prior low birthweight births, maternal illnesses, fetal infections, and a variety of metabolic and genetic disorders.

During the past ten years, the percent of total births that are low birthweight has steadily increased in both Louisiana and the United States. In 1997, 6,724 (10.2% of total live births with known birthweight) of the infants born to Louisiana residents weighed less than 2500 grams. In the United States, 7.7% of infants born in 1997 were low birthweight.

Table 2.9: Percents of Live Births Less Than 2500 Grams Louisiana and United States, 1988-1997		
Year	Louisiana	United States
1988	8.8	6.9
1989	9.1	7.0
1990	9.2	7.0
1991	9.4	7.1
1992	9.4	7.1
1993	9.4	7.2
1994	9.6	7.3
1995	9.7	7.3
1996	9.9	7.4
1997	10.2	7.7

Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics,
National Center for Health Statistics



Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics

⁷ Paneth NS. *The problem of low weight*. The Future of Children, Low Birth Weight, 19-34. 1995.

LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

TABLE 2.10: BIRTH WEIGHTS UNDER 1500 AND UNDER 2500 GRAMS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL BIRTHS
BY PARISH AND CITY OF RESIDENCE, RACE OF MOTHER, AND SEX OF CHILD
LOUISIANA, 1997

PARISH AND LARGER CITIES	SEX	ALL BIRTHS			WHITE			BLACK			OTHER		
		TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS
STATE	M	65947	2.1	10.2	37438	1.2	7.0	27115	3.4	14.6	1394	1.0	8.8
	F	33596	2.0	9.2	19068	1.2	6.4	13797	3.3	13.2	731	0.7	8.6
		32351	2.1	11.2	18370	1.1	7.7	13318	3.5	16.1	663	1.4	8.9
ACADIA	M	972	2.5	10.1	711	2.4	8.6	258	2.7	14.3	3	-	-
	F	492	2.2	7.9	363	2.5	6.1	127	1.6	13.4	2	-	-
		480	2.7	12.3	348	2.3	11.2	131	3.8	15.3	1	-	-
CROWLEY*	M	268	1.9	9.7	159	1.3	5.7	108	2.8	15.7	1	-	-
	F	129	2.3	9.3	79	2.5	5.1	50	2.0	16.0	-	-	-
		139	1.4	10.1	80	-	6.3	58	3.4	15.5	1	-	-
ALLEN	M	323	1.5	13.3	251	1.2	11.6	66	3.0	21.2	6	-	-
	F	172	0.6	11.0	129	-	9.3	41	2.4	17.1	2	-	-
		151	2.6	15.9	122	2.5	13.9	25	4.0	28.0	4	-	-
ASCENSION	M	1166	1.5	7.5	863	0.8	6.5	300	3.3	10.7	3	-	-
	F	617	1.6	7.5	461	0.7	5.4	154	4.5	13.6	2	-	-
		549	1.3	7.7	402	1.0	7.7	146	2.1	7.5	1	-	-
ASSUMPTION	M	298	2.0	6.0	184	1.1	3.8	114	3.5	9.6	-	-	-
	F	154	1.3	5.2	95	-	4.2	59	3.4	6.8	-	-	-
		144	2.8	6.9	89	2.2	3.4	55	3.6	12.7	-	-	-
AVOYELLES	M	585	1.2	11.8	369	-	7.0	213	3.3	19.7	3	-	33.3
	F	286	1.4	11.2	175	-	5.7	108	3.7	19.4	3	-	33.3
		299	1.0	12.4	194	-	8.2	105	2.9	20.0	-	-	-
BEAUREGARD	M	479	1.3	9.8	400	1.0	8.8	71	2.8	16.9	8	-	-
	F	241	0.4	7.5	192	0.5	6.8	45	-	11.1	4	-	-
		238	2.1	12.2	208	1.4	10.6	26	7.7	26.9	4	-	-
DE RIDDER*	M	174	1.7	11.5	108	1.9	9.3	62	1.6	16.1	4	-	-
	F	94	1.1	10.6	52	1.9	11.5	40	-	10.0	2	-	-
		80	2.5	12.5	56	1.8	7.1	22	4.5	27.3	2	-	-
BIENVILLE	M	217	1.8	12.0	120	2.5	8.3	96	1.0	16.7	1	-	-
	F	115	1.7	10.4	67	1.5	7.5	48	2.1	14.6	-	-	-
		102	2.0	13.7	53	3.8	9.4	48	-	18.8	1	-	-
BOSSIER	M	1382	1.9	9.5	968	1.7	7.9	381	2.4	13.4	33	3.0	12.1
	F	688	1.7	9.3	484	1.7	8.9	183	2.2	10.9	21	-	4.8
		694	2.0	9.7	484	1.7	6.8	198	2.5	15.7	12	8.3	25.0
BOSSIER CITY*	M	862	1.7	8.1	589	1.5	5.9	248	2.0	12.5	25	4.0	16.0
	F	429	1.9	8.2	286	1.7	7.0	128	2.3	10.9	15	-	6.7
		433	1.6	8.1	303	1.3	5.0	120	1.7	14.2	10	10.0	30.0
CADDY	M	3690	2.8	12.5	1592	1.1	7.0	2048	4.2	16.8	50	-	14.0
	F	1876	3.0	10.9	785	0.9	5.7	1062	4.7	14.5	29	-	17.2
		1814	2.5	14.2	807	1.4	8.2	986	3.5	19.3	21	-	9.5
SHREVEPORT*	M	3184	2.9	12.9	1190	0.8	6.2	1946	4.2	17.0	48	-	12.5
	F	1628	3.1	11.2	599	0.5	4.3	1001	4.8	15.1	28	-	17.9
		1556	2.6	14.7	591	1.2	8.1	945	3.6	19.0	20	-	5.0
CALCASIEU	M	2777	3.0	11.1	1913	2.1	8.5	836	4.9	16.6	28	-	17.9
	F	1379	2.8	10.0	956	1.9	7.0	407	5.2	16.5	16	-	25.0
		1398	3.1	12.1	957	2.4	10.0	429	4.7	16.8	12	-	8.3
LAKE CHARLES*	M	1212	4.0	13.2	524	2.7	9.0	666	5.3	16.4	22	-	18.2
	F	563	4.4	12.1	241	2.9	6.6	311	5.8	15.8	11	-	27.3
		649	3.7	14.2	283	2.5	11.0	355	4.8	16.9	11	-	9.1
SULPHUR*	M	319	2.5	13.2	301	2.0	11.0	15	13.3	53.3	3	-	33.3
	F	163	2.5	12.3	153	2.0	9.8	7	14.3	57.1	3	-	33.3
		156	2.6	14.1	148	2.0	12.2	8	12.5	50.0	-	-	-

TABLE 2.10: BIRTH WEIGHTS UNDER 1500 AND UNDER 2500 GRAMS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL BIRTHS
BY PARISH AND CITY OF RESIDENCE, RACE OF MOTHER, AND SEX OF CHILD
LOUISIANA, 1997

PARISH AND LARGER CITIES	SEX	ALL BIRTHS			WHITE			BLACK			OTHER		
		TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS
CALDWELL	M	138	0.7	3.6	107	0.9	2.8	30	-	6.7	1	-	-
	F	65	-	3.1	52	-	1.9	13	-	7.7	-	-	-
		73	1.4	4.1	55	1.8	3.6	17	-	5.9	1	-	-
CAMERON	M	107	2.8	6.5	100	3.0	5.0	6	-	33.3	1	-	-
	F	57	-	1.8	55	-	1.8	2	-	-	-	-	-
		50	6.0	12.0	45	6.7	8.9	4	-	50.0	1	-	-
CATAHOUA	M	136	4.4	13.2	96	3.1	12.5	40	7.5	15.0	-	-	-
	F	74	5.4	14.9	51	5.9	17.6	23	4.3	8.7	-	-	-
		62	3.2	11.3	45	-	6.7	17	11.8	23.5	-	-	-
CLAIBORNE	M	214	4.7	12.1	101	5.0	10.9	111	4.5	13.5	2	-	-
	F	113	3.5	12.4	54	3.7	13.0	59	3.4	11.9	-	-	-
		101	5.9	11.9	47	6.4	8.5	52	5.8	15.4	2	-	-
CONCORDIA	M	328	3.4	11.9	154	1.9	7.1	172	4.7	16.3	2	-	-
	F	178	5.1	14.0	79	1.3	7.6	99	8.1	19.2	-	-	-
		150	1.3	9.3	75	2.7	6.7	73	-	12.3	2	-	-
DESOTO	M	349	1.4	8.0	186	-	4.3	163	3.1	12.3	-	-	-
	F	185	2.2	8.1	93	-	3.2	92	4.3	13.0	-	-	-
		164	0.6	7.9	93	-	5.4	71	1.4	11.3	-	-	-
E BATON ROUGE	M	6072	2.3	10.8	2870	0.6	6.0	3045	3.9	15.4	157	0.6	8.9
	F	3051	1.9	9.4	1470	0.4	5.4	1492	3.5	13.2	89	1.1	11.2
		3021	2.6	12.2	1400	0.9	6.7	1553	4.2	17.5	68	-	5.9
BATON ROUGE*	M	4939	2.4	11.5	2049	0.5	6.1	2748	3.9	15.6	142	0.7	9.2
	F	2485	2.0	10.2	1054	0.1	5.8	1348	3.5	13.5	83	1.2	12.0
		2454	2.8	12.8	995	0.9	6.5	1400	4.2	17.6	59	-	5.1
BAKER*	M	218	1.8	11.9	114	0.9	8.8	103	2.9	15.5	1	-	-
	F	101	2.0	11.9	56	1.8	10.7	45	2.2	13.3	-	-	-
		117	1.7	12.0	58	-	6.9	58	3.4	17.2	1	-	-
EAST CARROLL	M	144	1.4	9.7	30	-	-	114	1.8	12.3	-	-	-
	F	72	1.4	8.3	20	-	-	52	1.9	11.5	-	-	-
		72	1.4	11.1	10	-	-	62	1.6	12.9	-	-	-
E FELICIANA	M	307	1.3	9.4	158	0.6	7.6	147	2.0	11.6	2	-	-
	F	156	1.3	5.1	82	1.2	2.4	74	1.4	8.1	-	-	-
		151	1.3	13.9	76	-	13.2	73	2.7	15.1	2	-	-
EVANGELINE	M	585	1.4	11.1	375	0.3	7.2	208	3.4	17.8	2	-	50.0
	F	295	1.0	10.2	189	-	6.9	105	2.9	15.2	1	-	100.0
		290	1.7	12.1	186	0.5	7.5	103	3.9	20.4	1	-	-
FRANKLIN	M	288	1.4	11.8	156	1.3	5.8	131	1.5	19.1	1	-	-
	F	157	2.5	9.6	85	2.4	3.5	72	2.8	16.7	-	-	-
		131	-	14.5	71	-	8.5	59	-	22.0	1	-	-
GRANT	M	262	0.4	6.5	230	0.4	5.7	31	-	12.9	1	-	-
	F	146	-	4.1	127	-	2.4	19	-	15.8	-	-	-
		116	0.9	9.5	103	1.0	9.7	12	-	8.3	1	-	-
IBERIA	M	1225	1.7	9.5	684	0.7	7.6	515	3.1	12.2	26	-	3.8
	F	609	1.6	9.5	337	0.6	8.3	260	3.1	11.2	12	-	8.3
		616	1.8	9.4	347	0.9	6.9	255	3.1	13.3	14	-	-
NEW IBERIA*	M	644	1.7	11.0	309	1.0	9.7	317	2.5	12.6	18	-	5.6
	F	323	2.2	10.8	152	0.7	10.5	162	3.7	11.1	9	-	11.1
		321	1.2	11.2	157	1.3	8.9	155	1.3	14.2	9	-	-
IBERVILLE	M	444	1.8	8.6	201	1.5	5.5	243	2.1	11.1	-	-	-
	F	218	2.8	8.7	89	3.4	6.7	129	2.3	10.1	-	-	-
		226	0.9	8.4	112	-	4.5	114	1.8	12.3	-	-	-
JACKSON	M	209	1.4	8.1	138	0.7	6.5	70	2.9	11.4	1	-	-
	F	109	2.8	7.3	70	1.4	2.9	38	5.3	15.8	1	-	-
		100	-	9.0	68	-	10.3	32	-	6.3	-	-	-

TABLE 2.10: BIRTH WEIGHTS UNDER 1500 AND UNDER 2500 GRAMS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL BIRTHS
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PARISH AND LARGER CITIES	SEX	ALL BIRTHS			WHITE			BLACK			OTHER		
		TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS
JEFFERSON	M	6327	1.7	8.8	4008	1.4	6.7	1964	2.5	13.0	355	1.4	8.5
	F	3186	1.5	7.8	1992	1.5	5.9	1019	1.9	12.0	175	-	5.1
	F	3141	1.9	9.7	2016	1.3	7.5	945	3.2	14.1	180	2.8	11.7
KENNER*	M	1033	1.7	7.6	648	1.7	6.0	315	2.2	10.5	70	-	10.0
	M	547	1.8	6.8	344	2.3	5.8	165	1.2	7.9	38	-	10.5
	F	486	1.6	8.6	304	1.0	6.3	150	3.3	13.3	32	-	9.4
GRETNIA*	M	447	0.7	7.2	233	0.9	5.2	188	0.5	9.6	26	-	7.7
	M	221	0.9	9.0	119	0.8	6.7	92	1.1	13.0	10	-	-
	F	226	0.4	5.3	114	0.9	3.5	96	-	6.3	16	-	12.5
HARAHAN*	M	122	0.8	3.3	120	0.8	3.3	2	-	-	-	-	-
	M	66	-	3.0	65	-	3.1	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	56	1.8	3.6	55	1.8	3.6	1	-	-	-	-	-
WESTWEGO*	M	203	1.0	8.9	122	-	6.6	76	2.6	13.2	5	-	-
	M	108	-	5.6	63	-	3.2	44	-	9.1	1	-	-
	F	95	2.1	12.6	59	-	10.2	32	6.3	18.8	4	-	-
JEFF DAVIS	M	515	1.6	8.7	401	1.0	7.0	106	3.8	15.1	8	-	12.5
	M	261	2.3	7.3	201	2.0	6.0	56	3.6	10.7	4	-	25.0
	F	254	0.8	10.2	200	-	8.0	50	4.0	20.0	4	-	-
JENNINGS*	M	207	1.4	7.7	140	0.7	4.3	65	3.1	15.4	2	-	-
	M	104	1.9	5.8	67	1.5	4.5	36	2.8	8.3	1	-	-
	F	103	1.0	9.7	73	-	4.1	29	3.4	24.1	1	-	-
LAFAYETTE	M	2871	1.5	9.2	1959	0.8	6.8	864	3.1	14.0	48	-	16.7
	M	1500	1.7	8.2	1035	1.1	6.4	439	3.2	11.8	26	-	19.2
	F	1371	1.2	10.2	924	0.4	7.4	425	3.1	16.2	22	-	13.6
LAFAYETTE*	M	1757	1.9	9.7	1038	1.2	6.8	685	3.2	13.9	34	-	14.7
	M	897	2.5	9.6	540	1.9	7.0	338	3.6	13.0	19	-	21.1
	F	860	1.4	9.9	498	0.4	6.6	347	2.9	14.7	15	-	6.7
LAFOURCHE	M	1181	1.4	7.9	909	1.2	6.6	225	2.2	13.3	47	-	6.4
	M	596	1.0	7.2	457	0.9	6.1	112	1.8	11.6	27	-	7.4
	F	585	1.7	8.5	452	1.5	7.1	113	2.7	15.0	20	-	5.0
THIBODAUX*	M	280	0.7	7.5	145	0.7	4.1	131	0.8	11.5	4	-	-
	M	145	-	7.6	75	-	2.7	67	-	13.4	3	-	-
	F	135	1.5	7.4	70	1.4	5.7	64	1.6	9.4	1	-	-
LASALLE	M	190	0.5	8.4	168	0.6	8.3	22	-	9.1	-	-	-
	M	86	1.2	12.8	71	1.4	14.1	15	-	6.7	-	-	-
	F	104	-	4.8	97	-	4.1	7	-	14.3	-	-	-
LINCOLN	M	534	2.4	9.7	255	0.8	5.9	276	4.0	13.4	3	-	-
	M	260	2.7	8.8	129	1.6	6.2	128	3.9	11.7	3	-	-
	F	274	2.2	10.6	126	-	5.6	148	4.1	14.9	-	-	-
RUSTON*	M	264	3.0	11.0	96	2.1	6.3	165	3.6	13.9	3	-	-
	M	125	4.0	12.0	47	4.3	10.6	75	4.0	13.3	3	-	-
	F	139	2.2	10.1	49	-	2.0	90	3.3	14.4	-	-	-
LIVINGSTON	M	1330	1.5	8.6	1232	1.1	8.3	91	5.5	13.2	7	14.3	14.3
	M	647	1.5	8.5	597	1.2	8.0	45	6.7	15.6	5	-	-
	F	683	1.5	8.8	635	1.1	8.5	46	4.3	10.9	2	50.0	50.0
MADISON	M	224	1.8	8.9	55	-	9.1	169	2.4	8.9	-	-	-
	M	118	1.7	9.3	31	-	9.7	87	2.3	9.2	-	-	-
	F	106	1.9	8.5	24	-	8.3	82	2.4	8.5	-	-	-

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PARISH AND LARGER CITIES	SEX	ALL BIRTHS			WHITE			BLACK			OTHER		
		TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS
TALLULAH*	M	175	2.3	8.0	27	-	7.4	148	2.7	8.1	-	-	-
	F	83	2.4	9.6	14	-	14.3	69	2.9	8.7	-	-	-
		92	2.2	6.5	13	-	-	79	2.5	7.6	-	-	-
MOREHOUSE	M	499	3.4	11.8	220	0.9	4.5	279	5.4	17.6	-	-	-
	F	259	1.9	10.0	106	-	5.7	153	3.3	13.1	-	-	-
		240	5.0	13.8	114	1.8	3.5	126	7.9	23.0	-	-	-
BASTROP*	M	292	4.5	13.4	87	1.1	4.6	205	5.9	17.1	-	-	-
	F	158	3.2	10.8	48	-	4.2	110	4.5	13.6	-	-	-
		134	6.0	16.4	39	2.6	5.1	95	7.4	21.1	-	-	-
NATCHITOCHES	M	593	2.4	11.8	309	2.9	12.6	278	1.8	11.2	6	-	-
	F	327	3.4	11.0	175	4.6	12.6	149	2.0	9.4	3	-	-
		266	1.1	12.8	134	0.7	12.7	129	1.6	13.2	3	-	-
NATCHITOCHES*	M	311	1.9	11.3	106	1.9	10.4	202	2.0	11.9	3	-	-
	F	170	1.8	10.0	65	1.5	12.3	103	1.9	8.7	2	-	-
		141	2.1	12.8	41	2.4	7.3	99	2.0	15.2	1	-	-
ORLEANS	M	7734	3.2	13.1	1419	1.5	7.1	6098	3.6	14.7	217	1.4	6.9
	F	3975	3.1	12.2	739	1.4	5.5	3130	3.5	14.0	106	2.8	6.6
		3759	3.2	13.9	680	1.6	8.8	2968	3.7	15.4	111	-	7.2
OUACHITA	M	2217	1.9	10.0	1191	1.7	7.5	1014	2.3	12.9	12	-	8.3
	F	1117	2.1	8.8	605	1.7	5.8	505	2.8	12.3	7	-	14.3
		1100	1.7	11.2	586	1.7	9.2	509	1.8	13.6	5	-	-
MONROE*	M	1138	2.1	11.8	270	1.5	6.7	859	2.3	13.4	9	-	11.1
	F	568	2.3	11.1	145	1.4	4.8	418	2.6	13.2	5	-	20.0
		570	1.9	12.5	125	1.6	8.8	441	2.0	13.6	4	-	-
WEST MONROE*	M	329	1.8	7.6	251	1.6	6.8	76	2.6	10.5	2	-	-
	F	161	3.1	6.2	116	2.6	6.0	43	4.7	7.0	2	-	-
		168	0.6	8.9	135	0.7	7.4	33	-	15.2	-	-	-
PLAQUEMINES	M	425	1.2	8.9	272	0.4	7.7	130	3.1	13.1	23	-	-
	F	230	0.9	7.8	144	-	6.3	72	2.8	12.5	14	-	-
		195	1.5	10.3	128	0.8	9.4	58	3.4	13.8	9	-	-
POINTE COUPEE	M	331	3.6	12.1	161	1.9	7.5	170	5.3	16.5	-	-	-
	F	164	4.9	11.6	79	1.3	6.3	85	8.2	16.5	-	-	-
		167	2.4	12.6	82	2.4	8.5	85	2.4	16.5	-	-	-
RAPIDES	M	1852	2.1	10.3	1085	1.4	6.5	746	3.1	15.7	21	-	14.3
	F	931	2.1	9.3	533	1.9	6.8	390	2.6	12.8	8	-	12.5
		921	2.0	11.2	552	0.9	6.2	356	3.7	18.8	13	-	15.4
ALEXANDRIA*	M	813	2.6	14.4	239	3.3	8.8	560	2.3	16.8	14	-	14.3
	F	423	3.1	12.5	121	4.1	8.3	297	2.7	14.5	5	-	-
		390	2.1	16.4	118	2.5	9.3	263	1.9	19.4	9	-	22.2
PINEVILLE*	M	288	0.3	6.3	211	0.5	6.2	74	-	5.4	3	-	33.3
	F	143	-	6.3	106	-	4.7	36	-	8.3	1	-	100.0
		145	0.7	6.2	105	1.0	7.6	38	-	2.6	2	-	-
RED RIVER	M	134	-	6.7	67	-	6.0	65	-	7.7	2	-	-
	F	67	-	6.0	34	-	8.8	32	-	3.1	1	-	-
		67	-	7.5	33	-	3.0	33	-	12.1	1	-	-
RICHLAND	M	324	2.8	11.1	166	1.2	6.0	157	4.5	16.6	1	-	-
	F	169	3.0	12.4	86	2.3	8.1	82	3.7	17.1	1	-	-
		155	2.6	9.7	80	-	3.8	75	5.3	16.0	-	-	-

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PARISH AND LARGER CITIES	SEX	ALL BIRTHS			WHITE			BLACK			OTHER		
		TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS
SABINE	M	331	1.8	9.1	232	0.4	8.2	85	5.9	12.9	14	-	-
	F	162	1.9	9.3	108	0.9	9.3	46	4.3	10.9	8	-	-
		169	1.8	8.9	124	-	7.3	39	7.7	15.4	6	-	-
ST BERNARD	M	884	1.4	9.0	784	0.6	8.3	75	9.3	18.7	25	-	4.0
	F	459	1.1	8.3	405	0.7	7.9	40	5.0	12.5	14	-	7.1
		425	1.6	9.9	379	0.5	8.7	35	14.3	25.7	11	-	-
ST CHARLES	M	716	1.1	8.9	489	0.8	7.6	222	1.8	12.2	5	-	-
	F	361	1.1	8.0	241	0.8	6.6	119	1.7	10.9	1	-	-
		355	1.1	9.9	248	0.8	8.5	103	1.9	13.6	4	-	-
ST HELENA	M	101	2.0	8.9	48	-	2.1	53	3.8	15.1	-	-	-
	F	53	1.9	9.4	25	-	4.0	28	3.6	14.3	-	-	-
		48	2.1	8.3	23	-	-	25	4.0	16.0	-	-	-
ST JAMES	M	303	3.0	11.6	132	2.3	6.1	171	3.5	15.8	-	-	-
	F	141	2.1	7.8	59	1.7	5.1	82	2.4	9.8	-	-	-
		162	3.7	14.8	73	2.7	6.8	89	4.5	21.3	-	-	-
ST JOHN	M	674	2.4	8.8	321	0.9	4.7	349	3.7	12.6	4	-	-
	F	341	2.6	8.5	171	0.6	4.7	168	4.8	12.5	2	-	-
		333	2.1	9.0	150	1.3	4.7	181	2.8	12.7	2	-	-
ST LANDRY	M	1340	2.3	13.1	672	1.3	8.6	664	3.3	17.3	4	-	50.0
	F	675	1.8	11.9	343	1.5	9.0	330	2.1	14.5	2	-	50.0
		665	2.9	14.3	329	1.2	8.2	334	4.5	20.1	2	-	50.0
OPELOUSAS*	M	393	2.3	14.8	84	1.2	10.7	307	2.6	15.6	2	-	50.0
	F	200	1.5	12.5	44	2.3	11.4	155	1.3	12.9	1	-	100.0
		193	3.1	17.1	40	-	10.0	152	3.9	18.4	1	-	-
EUNICE*	M	235	2.6	13.2	147	2.0	12.9	88	3.4	13.6	-	-	-
	F	120	2.5	13.3	73	1.4	15.1	47	4.3	10.6	-	-	-
		115	2.6	13.0	74	2.7	10.8	41	2.4	17.1	-	-	-
ST MARTIN	M	755	0.8	10.7	429	-	7.2	316	1.9	15.5	10	-	10.0
	F	389	1.0	11.8	232	-	9.1	152	2.6	16.4	5	-	-
		366	0.5	9.6	197	-	5.1	164	1.2	14.6	5	-	20.0
ST MARY	M	887	2.1	9.2	504	1.4	4.6	364	3.3	15.7	19	-	10.5
	F	456	2.0	6.8	257	0.4	1.9	187	4.3	13.4	12	-	8.3
		431	2.3	11.8	247	2.4	7.3	177	2.3	18.1	7	-	14.3
MORGAN CITY*	M	288	2.4	9.0	191	2.1	4.2	89	3.4	19.1	8	-	12.5
	F	146	1.4	8.2	93	-	1.1	47	4.3	23.4	6	-	-
		142	3.5	9.9	98	4.1	7.1	42	2.4	14.3	2	-	50.0
ST TAMMANY	M	2532	1.3	7.5	2144	1.2	6.6	361	2.2	13.6	27	-	-
	F	1320	1.3	6.4	1124	1.2	5.9	182	1.6	9.9	14	-	-
		1212	1.4	8.8	1020	1.2	7.5	179	2.8	17.3	13	-	-
SLIDELL*	M	477	0.8	7.1	385	1.0	6.5	82	-	11.0	10	-	-
	F	255	-	5.1	206	-	4.4	44	-	9.1	5	-	-
		222	1.8	9.5	179	2.2	8.9	38	-	13.2	5	-	-
TANGIPAHOA	M	1652	1.6	10.2	964	0.4	7.2	678	3.4	14.6	10	-	10.0
	F	841	1.7	8.0	513	0.6	6.2	323	3.4	10.8	5	-	-
		811	1.6	12.6	451	0.2	8.2	355	3.4	18.0	5	-	20.0
HAMMOND*	M	315	2.2	12.1	125	0.8	7.2	186	3.2	15.1	4	-	25.0
	F	157	2.5	11.5	71	-	8.5	86	4.7	14.0	-	-	-
		158	1.9	12.7	54	1.9	5.6	100	2.0	16.0	4	-	25.0
TENSAS	M	85	1.2	8.2	30	-	3.3	55	1.8	10.9	-	-	-
	F	49	-	4.1	18	-	-	31	-	6.5	-	-	-
		36	2.8	13.9	12	-	8.3	24	4.2	16.7	-	-	-

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PARISH AND LARGER CITIES	SEX	ALL BIRTHS			WHITE			BLACK			OTHER		
		TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS	TOTAL	LT 1500 GRAMS	LT 2500 GRAMS
TERREBONNE	M	1701	1.5	9.1	1171	0.8	7.3	405	3.5	13.6	125	2.4	12.0
	F	889	1.2	8.7	599	1.0	7.2	217	1.8	11.1	73	1.4	13.7
		812	1.8	9.6	572	0.5	7.3	188	5.3	16.5	52	3.8	9.6
HOUma*	M	942	1.8	9.4	594	1.0	6.6	281	2.8	14.2	67	4.5	14.9
	F	496	1.4	8.7	299	1.0	5.7	154	1.9	12.3	43	2.3	16.3
		446	2.2	10.3	295	1.0	7.5	127	3.9	16.5	24	8.3	12.5
UNION	M	306	1.6	7.8	207	0.5	4.8	97	4.1	13.4	2	-	50.0
	F	154	1.9	6.5	109	-	3.7	45	6.7	13.3	-	-	-
		152	1.3	9.2	98	1.0	6.1	52	1.9	13.5	2	-	50.0
VERMILION	M	710	1.1	6.2	542	0.7	5.2	150	2.7	10.0	18	-	5.6
	F	351	1.4	6.3	269	0.7	4.8	73	4.1	12.3	9	-	-
		359	0.8	6.1	273	0.7	5.5	77	1.3	7.8	9	-	11.1
ABBEVILLE*	M	208	1.9	8.7	100	-	5.0	95	4.2	12.6	13	-	7.7
	F	103	2.9	8.7	46	-	4.3	48	6.3	14.6	9	-	-
		105	1.0	8.6	54	-	5.6	47	2.1	10.6	4	-	25.0
VERNON	M	962	1.5	7.6	730	1.4	6.7	187	2.1	11.2	45	-	6.7
	F	504	1.4	7.1	387	1.6	7.0	94	1.1	8.5	23	-	4.3
		458	1.5	8.1	343	1.2	6.4	93	3.2	14.0	22	-	9.1
WASHINGTON	M	662	1.8	10.6	421	1.4	8.1	240	2.5	15.0	1	-	-
	F	351	2.6	10.3	230	1.7	7.4	121	4.1	15.7	-	-	-
		311	1.0	10.9	191	1.0	8.9	119	0.8	14.3	1	-	-
BOGALUSA*	M	207	2.9	15.5	108	3.7	12.0	98	2.0	19.4	1	-	-
	F	113	4.4	16.8	58	5.2	12.1	55	3.6	21.8	-	-	-
		94	1.1	13.8	50	2.0	12.0	43	-	16.3	1	-	-
WEBSTER	M	555	1.6	13.0	311	1.0	7.1	241	2.5	20.7	3	-	-
	F	281	1.4	11.7	156	1.3	6.4	124	1.6	18.5	1	-	-
		274	1.8	14.2	155	0.6	7.7	117	3.4	23.1	2	-	-
MINDEN*	M	212	2.8	17.9	75	1.3	12.0	135	3.7	21.5	2	-	-
	F	113	2.7	19.5	44	2.3	15.9	68	2.9	22.1	1	-	-
		99	3.0	16.2	31	-	6.5	67	4.5	20.9	1	-	-
W BATON ROUGE	M	344	1.7	9.0	185	0.5	5.4	158	3.2	13.3	1	-	-
	F	179	1.7	8.4	97	1.0	6.2	82	2.4	11.0	-	-	-
		165	1.8	9.7	88	-	4.5	76	3.9	15.8	1	-	-
WEST CARROLL	M	129	1.6	8.5	96	1.0	8.3	33	3.0	9.1	-	-	-
	F	70	1.4	10.0	51	2.0	9.8	19	-	10.5	-	-	-
		59	1.7	6.8	45	-	6.7	14	7.1	7.1	-	-	-
W FELICIANA	M	109	0.9	7.3	59	-	-	50	2.0	16.0	-	-	-
	F	54	1.9	7.4	28	-	-	26	3.8	15.4	-	-	-
		55	-	7.3	31	-	-	24	-	16.7	-	-	-
WINN	M	231	2.2	10.0	133	-	3.0	98	5.1	19.4	-	-	-
	F	118	3.4	11.9	72	-	4.2	46	8.7	23.9	-	-	-
		113	0.9	8.0	61	-	1.6	52	1.9	15.4	-	-	-

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